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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Old Rochester Regional High School indoor track and field team took first in most of the events of the meet held at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School on Monday, December 31. ORR was in competition against several area high schools including GNB and Fairhaven High School. In the races, the ORR girls took first place in the 50 HH, 50 D, 600M, 300M, and 1M. They were also first in the shot-put competition and high jump. The ORR boys also ran well, taking first in the 2M, 50D, 1000M, 300M, and 1M races. They also came in first for throwing shot-put. Photos by Eric Tripoli.



On Sunday, January 6, the Tabor Academy Varsity B Hockey Team hosted Academie St. Louis from Quebec, Canada for a non-conference game. Once a year, a team travels down from Canada, and while the Seawolves were not victorious, the game proved to be a learning experience for the players facing off in an international match up. Photos by Felix Perez.

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Sippican School sixth-grader, Julia Winters, helped organize and will take part in a special assembly on January 10, put on by King Arthur Flour company. The commodity manufacturer will educate local students about the science and math behind baking bread and will provide the students with baking kits so they can make two loaves at home: one for their families, and one to be given out to a local community out-reach program. Photo by Eric Tripoli.



On January 1, 2013, Mattapoisett Town Beach played host to a New Year's polar plunge fundraiser. The event, which attracted over 400 people, raised money to benefit BAM Foundation, Inc., a New Bedford non-profit which donates money to South Coast families dealing with members who have cancer. The Huggins family of Mattapoisett received such a donation while husband and father, William, was in treatment for cancer in his colon and liver. The family organized the plunge as a way to say thank you to BAM Foundation for their financial assistance. Photo by Eric Tripoli.



On Saturday, January 4, 2013, Tabor Academy hosted Phillips Exeter Academy in a women's junior varsity and varsity squash tournament. The Tabor team, which has almost 40 players, had a 1-2 record going into Saturday's competition. Tabor has a long history with the sport; the original wooden courts can still be found on the Marion campus. Photo by Eric Tripoli.



January 17, 2013 cover: A bald eagles soared over Mary's Pond in Rochester on Sunday, January 6. The eagles were situated there for about 30 minutes. Ron Galley of Rochester snapped this photo of an eagle mid flight and sent it to The Wanderer to share with the Tri-Town.

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Sixth-graders Nathaniel King (left) and Julia Winters (right) pose at the work table before lending a hand to a special assembly organized by King Arthur Flour that teaches students the scientific nitty-gritty of how bread is made. Winters had visited the flour company's headquarters in Vermont last year and thought this program would benefit her fellow students. She and her mother helped bring the program to the Tri-Town. Photo by Eric Tripoli.



The Marion Boy Scouts Troops 32 competed in the Klondike Derby held at Camp Cachalot in Carver, MA. All of the competing towns had to use sledges and Klondike Gold Rush themes to compete in a race. The winning troop earned a grand outdoor winter adventure. The event helps the scouts test their basic camping and survival skills. From left to right: Jack Gordon, Christ Horton Jr., Sam Gordon, Dylan Villa, Jackson St. Don, Jack Nakashian, Dave Sheldon and Graham Poirier. Photo courtesy of Jay Pateakos.



Above: The Marion Art Center unveiled its new show in a special opening reception at the gallery on Friday, January 11. The 2013 Winter Members Exhibition features over 60 works by about 30 local artists, some well-known and some new to the local art scene. This is the first of two bi-annual shows that showcase work by members of MAC, from oil paintings to multi-media. Check out some of the great art work being created by Tri-Town artists. Photos by Eric Tripoli.



Left: Dancers and Gymnast from Kaleidoscope performed at the Celtics Game at the TD Garden On Friday, January 11th.



January 24, 2013 Cover: On Saturday, January 19, the Old Rochester Regional Varsity Ice Hockey Team ventured to the John Gallo Ice Arena in Bourne to face off against the Wareham Vikings. Members of the ORR team check out the scoreboard, which was quite active all night. The official score for the game was 12-2 in ORR's favor, however, the scoreboard stopped keeping score at 8-2 due to the landslide victory. The win marked ORR's sixth of the season, while the Vikings haven't recorded a win yet. Photo by Felix Perez.

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Above: Have you been driving around the Tri-Town noticing a greater prevalence of lawn flamingos? Don't be alarmed! The plastic lawn ornaments are the Old Rochester Regional High School Cheerleaders' latest and most creative fundraiser. For \$25, residents can have a friend's house decorated, or "flocked" with lawn flamingos. All money collected through the flocking will be used to send the squad to Walt Disney World in February. Photos courtesy of Dawn Underhill.



The Old Rochester Regional Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey team defeated the Wareham Vikings in a dominating fashion on Saturday, January 19. Marking their sixth win of the season, the Bulldogs put up 12 goals with a final score of 12-2 at the John Gallo Ice Arena. Photos by Felix Perez.



Dozens of area hikers gather around to listen to Amy Wilmot (far left) of the Department of Conservation and Recreation explain the differences between a white pine and a pitch pine at Nasketucket Bay State Reservation during a walk focused on identifying thriving winter plants on Sunday, January 21, 2013. Photos by Eric Tripoli.





January 31, 2103 Cover: Congratulations to Ayla Gregoire who won this year's Groundhog Cover Contest with this great springtime groundhog drawing! Ayla not only gets here art-work on the cover of *The Wanderer* but she'll also receive a new iPad mini! Here's hoping we have an early Spring!

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On Sunday, January 27, the South Coast Children's Chorus held an Informance Concert which allowed potentially interested members to come in and see what the group is all about. The concert was held at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion. The chorus is well known around the state and has performed in large venues such as Fenway Park. Photos by Felix Perez.



A U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter, which landed in a field on the Rochester/ Marion town line, drew a lot of on lookers. The helicopter, which is from Otis Air Base, landed in the field for cautionary reasons just after noon time on Friday. The field that they chose to land in was previously used as an airstrip but it's not known if the pilot was aware of this when they chose the spot. Photo by Paul Lopes





February 7, 2016 Cover: On Saturday, February 2, 2013 The Tri-Town Early Childhood Council held it's annual Early Childhood Fair at Sippican School in Marion. This year's event featured performances by The Toe Jam Puppet Band, Tandem Tellers and Mrs. Frost. Photo by Felix Perez

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Top left: ORRHS Senior Emun Legesse hosts her own talk show. Emun's first guest is ORR School District Superintendent Doug White. Tune into this insightful and informative show on the Tri-town Ed. Channel Comcast Ch.97 and Verizon Ch.3. Photo by: Deborah Stinson



Above: A local man and his children skate at the ice rink at Tabor Academy on Sunday, February 3. Cub Scout Pack 32 of Marion held a skating fundraiser to raise money to help off-set the costs of various trips and activities they participate in throughout the year. Photo by Eric Tripoli.



Center Left: Bet you've never seen a cake machine like this before. On Thursday, January 31, the Mattapoisett YMCA held its annual Invention Convention, featuring the original creations by several of its young members. The inventors, ages 3-5, used pieces of old telephones, computers, and the like in order to make their machines. Photo by Eric Tripoli.



Bottom Left: Libraries all around the nation celebrated the second annual Take Your Child To The Library Day on Saturday, February 2. At the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, families were invited to take part in face-painting, a screening a of the film "Brave," and story-telling all day. Photo by Eric Tripoli.

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Right: Mattapoissett Lions Club President Dom Bamberger, left, presents a check to Mike Lamoureux from the American Legion, right. The Mattapoissett Lions Club has been raising money and serving the community since 1953. Photo courtesy of Helene Rose.



Above & Left: The Marion Natural History Museum after-school program had fun learning about how birds survive the winter, what they eat, and making homemade bird feeders during Wednesday's afterschool program. Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold



Marion Recreation Youth Basketball season is in full swing. The season will run until the end of March with playoffs and the Championship Games to be held in April. Pictured are: From the Boys League, the Marion Hawks. From the Girls League, the Marion Mercury." Photos courtesy of Donna Hemphill



February 14, 2013 Cover: Jimmy Gracia of Mattapoisett helps out a neighbor. The clean-up after the storm took more than just moving the snow, the storm damage cause power outages in almost 100% of the Tri-town and the downed trees and impassable roads made the recovery even more challenging. Photo by Felix Perez

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The Mattapoisett Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Sunday evening. Hampered by the snow and ice they chased the fire through the walls and roof of the house and were eventually able to gain control. The house sustaining significant damage and one firefighter was injured during the incident. The full story is available on page 3. Photos by Charles Hutchison, Artisan Ingenuity Photo



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BLIZZARD OF 2013

Above and right: Pictures taken during the storm show the devastation of the driving winds and wet snow in the area of Harbor Beach in Mattapoisett. Photos by Diane Garde



Above: A more scenic side of the blizzard, Aucoot Cove on Sunday February 10. Photos by Shawn Sweet

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BLIZZARD OF 2013



Above: Hiller Road in Rochester is blocked by fallen tree. By the end of the storm the wind, ice and trees had caused



*power outages in 99% of all three towns. Photo by Felix Perez
Left: There was plenty of snow to shovel after the storm. The snow fall total for the area was only 14 inches but the mix of ice and wind made for a heavy snow. Photo by Felix Perez*



*Above: Martha Santos enjoys the hospitality of the storm shelter in Rochester. Rochester opened their shelter on Friday and Marion & Mattapoisett opened shelters for those in need of a place to stay warm after the storm Photo by Felix Perez
Left: One of the fun sides of snow, sledding! Photo by Felix Perez*



February 21, 2013 Cover: Megane Mongrain (left) plays Henry and Laura Murley (right) plays Bryant in Tabor Academy's production of "Damn Yankees" which is running on February 21, 22, and 23 at 7:30 pm in the Fireman Auditorium, Hoyt Hall on the Tabor campus.

“DAMN YANKEES”

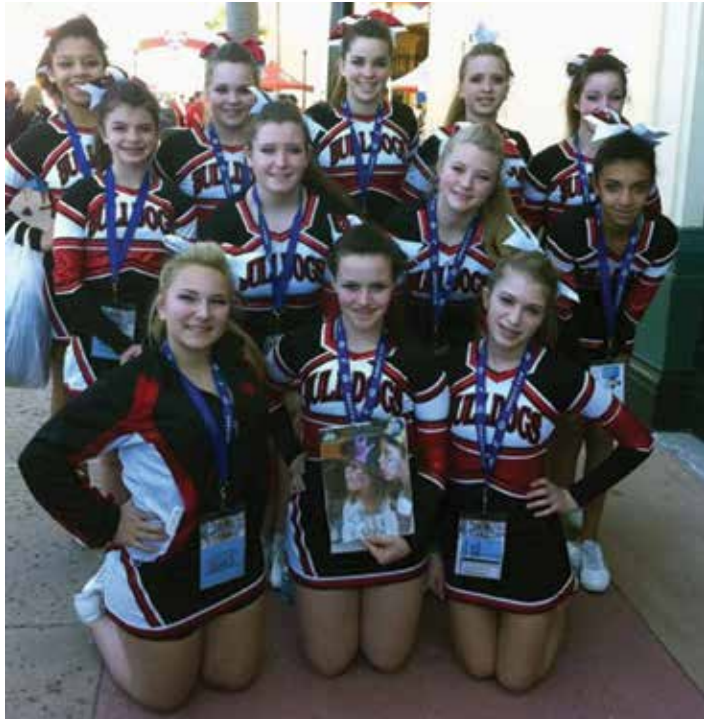


Tabor Academy's production of "Damn Yankees" has adopted the Red Sox as their underdog and runs on February 21, 22, and 23 at 7:30 pm in the Fireman Auditorium, Hoyt Hall on the Tabor campus. Photos by Felix Perez



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The ORRJHS cheerleaders recently competed in the National Cheerleading Competition at the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex at Walt Disney World. Photos courtesy of Rebecca McCullough

The inaugural ORR swim team just wrapped up a very successful first season as a sport at Old Rochester Regional High School. Both the boys' and girls' team exceeded expectations, and were competitive in all their meets. The girls finished the inaugural season with a remarkable 7-2 record. The boys, though undermanned in many meets, had many close contests and finished up the season with a 1-8 record. One swimmer, Tyler Sjahfiedin, qualified



for both sectional and state competition in multiple events.

Since all new sports at ORR must be self-funded for the first three seasons, the community was instrumental in helping the parent group, FORS, achieve this goal. The School Committee asked FORS (Friends of Old Rochester Swimming) to raise \$7,500 by October 1, 2012 in order to get the season underway. To achieve this, FORS held various fundraisers where the community support was amazing. Also, the Mattapoisett Lion's Club made the very generous offer to donate the final \$3,000 if FORS was able to raise \$4,500 to hit the \$7,500 goal. With much hard work by FORS, the prospective swimmers and our entire community, the goal set by the Committee was met. FORS will continue to hold numerous fundraisers to support our growing swim team throughout the coming years. For more information regarding these fundraisers, the swim team or FORS, please contact orrbulldogswimming@gmail.com.

On behalf of FORS and the entire ORR swim team, we would like to thank everyone who was instrumental in making this dream a reality. None of it would have been possible without you.



February 28, 2013 Cover: All the way from Omaha we bring you Aayla Armadillo. Aayla was born in October to parents Anikin and Alvin, and resides in the nocturnal exhibit at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium. In the pictures the armadillos are playing with The Wanderer mascot armadillo toys!

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Left: Marion Recreation Basketball Team "Grizzlies": back row left to right: Coach Dave Rogers and Coach Val Silva, middle row, left to right: Michael Pardo, Adam Mendes, Chris Rogers, James Arne and Robert Francis, front row, left to right: Jack Marvel, Danny Flynn, Max Brulport and Stephen Arne



Lower Left: Marion Recreation Basketball Team "Shock": back row, left to right: Emma Mastovsky, Janey Rego, Maya Doonan, Lily Pearl Poirier and Hana Medgin front row, left to right: Daphne Poirier, Nicole Fantoni, Coach Jeff Hemphill, Marleigh Hemphill and Rachael Fantoni, not pictured: Angela Susi



Above & Below: The Blizzard Relief Fundraiser held at Old Hammondtown School on Friday was a huge success. The cafeteria was filled to capacity and the crowd had a great time with food, music and friends. Photos by Paul Lopes



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The Old Rochester Youth Travel Basketball Seventh Grade Team won the Cape League Championship on Thursday, February 7. This team has now won back-to-back Championships. Bottom Row L-R: Jacob Asiaf, James Dwyer, Braden Yeomans (manager), Corey Lunn, Tommy Noonan and Tyler Menard. Top Row L-R: Head Coach - Greg Yeomans, Asst. Coach - Mark Menard, Bennett Fox, James Sylvia, Jacob Yeomans, Noah Fernandes, Jason Gamache, Collin Fitzpatrick, Michael Kennefick, Asst. Coach Tom Gamache, Asst. Coach Brian Fitzpatrick. Missing from photo: player Sam Pasquill.



Above: Brittany Montuori, left, and Colby Magratten, right, in Tabor Academy's production of "Miss Witherspoon." Photo by Nick Veronesi



Left: Abby Oldham, daughter of John and Betsey Oldham of Mattapoisett and a graduate of ORRHS, '08, was chosen recently by Rhode Island School of Design, which she currently attends as a junior, to have dinner with the Founder of Twitter and Square, billionaire Jack Dorsey. Abby is majoring in graphic design and minoring in photography. While attending RISD she has been recognized by the Academic Standing Committee as an Honors Student. She also has been interning at Fidelity Investments in Boston.



March 7, 2013 Cover: On Saturday, March 2nd 2013, The Cubs Scouts held a pinewood derby at the Community Hall of the Congregational Church in Marion. Photo by Felix Perez.

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On Saturday, March 2nd 2013, The Cubs Scout Pack 32 held a pinewood derby at the Community Hall of the Congregational Church in Marion. The results were 1st Lucas Marcolini, 2nd Brendan Hubbard, 3rd Nathaniel Bangs, and 4th Nate Robertson. All four move on to regional finals in New Bedford later this month. Other awards included, Best Theme to Connor Lavoie for his Batmobile, Best Design to David Strom for Kool Kone and Best Paint Job to Max Richins for Bulldog. Photos by Felix Perez



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Left: Judy Kleven and Christina Hingston chat at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Kleven will retire on June 1st. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry



Above: The line was long but the canines enjoyed the company at the Rabies Clinic held at the Mattapoissett Fire Station on Saturday. Photo by Kyle DeCicco-Carey



Left: Marion Recreation Basketball team, The Fever: Back row, left to right: Caitlin Sweeney, Hannah MacDougall, Delaney Soucy and Madison Pedro, Middle row, left to right: Sydney Dasilva, Chloe Killion, Sarah Moitozo, MaKayla Poholek, Fiona Lonergan and Olivia LaPierre, Front Row: Coach Stacey Perry and Coach Sean Sweeney, not pictured: Jaeda Lopes

Right: Marion Recreation Basketball team, The Lakers: Back row, left to right: Coach Dan Hartley and Coach Dave King, Middle Row left to right: Sam Norcross, Peter Murray, Nathaniel King, Will Garcia and Geoffrey Noonan Front row, left to right: Sam Gordon, Matthew Lavoie, Drew Hiller and Danny Hartley not pictured: Coach Kyle Erha



Do you have a photo that you would like to share with the Tri-town? Send it to us at news@wanderer.com!



March 14, 2013 Cover: *St Patrick's Day is just around the corner. Patrons at the First Congregational Church of Rochester's St. Patricks Day Dinner enjoyed these great treats. Photo by Felix Perez*

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS

The theme at the Rochester Country Fair fund raiser dance held this past Saturday was "welcome to the jungle." There were plenty of explorers on hand and even a gorilla! Photos by Felix Perez



The First Congregational Church's held a St. Patricks Day Dinner in Rochester on Sunday. Photos by Felix Perez



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The Marion Boy Scouts Troop 32 at Camp Yawgoog for the weekend of March 2-3, 2013. Left to right is Jackson St. Don, Paul St. Don – Scoutmaster, Graham Poirier, Jack Nakashian and Alex Reichert (taking the picture is Robert Reichert – Assistant Scoutmaster). Camp Yawgoog is 1800 acres of woodland located in Rockville, Rhode Island and operated by the Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The camp is so large it is actually divided up into three sub-camps with three lakes and 20 miles of trails that these Marion Boy Scouts have only begun to explore. After hearing the stories of these Scouts, many of the others Scout in the troop want to go there. So that's the new plan for May 2013.



Sippican School Artists Work on Display now through April 20 at the Marion Art Center. Photos by Joan Hartnet-Barry



A local, competitive soccer team of 12 and 13 year old girls were recently crowned Champions for the second time in the "Elite" division of the prestigious Manhattan Soccer Kick-Off Classic, one of the top youth soccer tournaments in New York. The NEFC South Coast United U13 Girls Team braved the cold to play top teams from New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey. They won their first two matches versus Freehold Celtic (NJ) and East Meadow United (NY), losing to CFC Lynx Rage in their third match but earning enough points to make their way into the Championship match, where they defeated Alleycats (NY) in a decisive 3-1 victory. The team is currently ranked 5th in Massachusetts by getsoccer. The NEFC South Coast U13 girls team is comprised of players from communities throughout the South Coast including Acushnet, New Bedford, Dartmouth, Mattapoisett, Raynham, Swansea, and Somerset, as well as Riverside, Barrington, Portsmouth and Exeter, RI. Pictured from Left to Right: (Top) Aidan Leahey, Carly Sevigny, Hailey Dubose, Jillian Prout, Averi Soares, Abby Kaull, Andrea Kubas-Meyer, Marykate McGuire, Jeff Lombard. (Bottom) Sarina Olson, Sarah Vieira, Audrey Patterson, Leah Przybyszewski, Cassandra Andrade, Natalie Jumaoas, Bella Ceseretti, Anna Downes, and Erin Rockcliffe.





March 21, 2013 Cover: ORR Drama Club's production of *Oklahoma!* includes: (top window) Madeline Pellegrino as Laurey and Maxwell Houck as Curly, (from left to right, Sophia-Lynn Ellis as Aunt Eller, Sophia Santos as Ado Annie and Sean Resendes as Ali Hakim, and Daniel Donahue as Jud Fry. Photo by Felix Perez.

OKLAHOMA AT ORR!

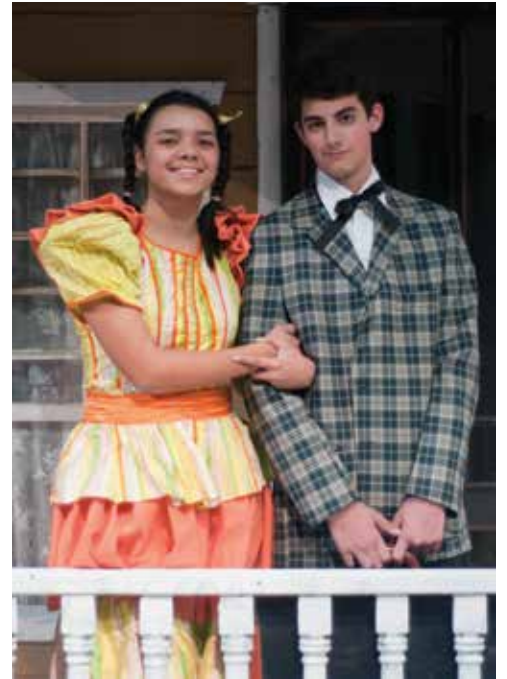
ORR Drama Club's production of Oklahoma runs from March 21 to 24. Story on page 3. Photos by Felix Perez



Madeline Pellegrino as Laurey and Maxwell Houck as Curly



Sophia-Lynn Ellis as Aunt Eller



Sophia Santos as Ado Annie and Sean Resendes as Ali Hakim



Daniel Donahue as Jud Fry



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Above and top left: Last week's first official meet-and-greet between the Marion Board of Selectmen and the new Tabor Head of School, from Left to right: Marion Selectmen Chair Stephen Cushing, Clerk Jonathan Dickerson, Vice-Chair John Henry, and Tabor Head of School John Quirk. Photo by Paul Lopes



Left: Marion Recreation Basketball Team "Lynx" Back row left to right: Coach Lisa Horan, Ansley Rivera, Dana Leroy, Abby Horan, and Coach Tim Horan, Middle Row left to right: Maria Ramsey, Kari Marvel, Ruth Harris, Meghan Horan and Tali O'Leary, Front row left to right: Meghan Berg and Jackie Barrett, Not pictured: Leah Scott



Bottom Left: Marion Recreation Basketball Team "Celtics" Back row left to right Mason Taft, Noah Casado, Coach Anthony Ucci, Henry Ucci, Nick Dextradeur, Front row left to right: Percy Ackerman, Nick Snow, Coach Melissa Dextradeur, Noah Brady, Jonas Ackerman, Not pictured: Finn McCain



Above: Bulldog's Rhythm's final number "Celebrate" at the Bulldog Rhythm Showcase on March 15. Photo by Jessica Correia



***March 28, 2013 Cover:** A great time was had by all at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Mattapoisett YMCA center on Saturday March 23. Children enjoyed egg dying, dancing, the Ester Bunny and of course the Egg Hunt! Photo by Felix Perez*

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Top Left: Marion Recreation Wildcats, Boys 7 & 8 Grade Travel Team: Standing (left to right): Coach Kyle Erha, Tyler Mourao, Nick Mezzanote, Nick Rego, Nate Hall, Alex Bilodeau, Andrew Riggi, Etsub Legesse, Kneeling: Jack Murphy, Jack Sollauer, Caleb Jagoda, Colin Bourgeois, Joey MacKay Center Left: Marion Recreation Team "The Liberty": Back Row: Coach Meredith Mattson-Days and Coach Anthony Days, Middle Row: Georgia Toland, Zoe Kelley, Kinsley Dickerson, Ellie Whitney and Pavanne Gleiman, Front Row: Caroline Owens, Jillian Kutash and Michaela Mattson, not pictured: Paige Feeney, Raegan Rapoza and Coach Jeff Dickerson



Bottom Left: Marion Recreation Girls Travel Team: Back Row: Coach Jeff Dickerson, Middle Row: Jillian Kutash, Kinsley Dickerson, Maya Doonan, Delaney Soucy, Madison Pedro and Coach Stacey Perry, Front Row: Rachael Fantoni, Cassidy Bart, Maggie Arruda and Nicole Fantoni

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Above and Left: The Rochester, Marion and Mattapoisett Fire Departments participated in live burn training exercises this past weekend on Rounseville Road in Rochester. Photos by Nicholas Waleka



Above and Left: Students at the Marion Natural History After School Program learned about chemical reactions and colors during a tie-dye shirt-making session held this past week with UMass Dartmouth Chemistry Professor Tobey Dills. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



A great time was had by all at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Mattapoisett YMCA center on Saturday March 23. Children enjoyed egg dying, dancing, the Ester Bunny and of course the Egg Hunt! Photos by Felix Perez



Elementary students from Rochester Memorial School celebrate after a dominant performance in their Destination Imagination Regional Tournament. This weekend, they head to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute for the State Finals. The competition helps kids develop creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork skills.

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April 4, 2013 Cover:

*The Wanderer travels to a Buddhist temple on the island of Koh Samui, Thailand, with four Marion friends. From left to right they are: Maura Stewart, Susannah Davis, Linda Schuessler, and Veronique Bale. You can share your travel photos with our readers too. All you have to do is take along a copy of **The Wanderer** (or your favorite aardvark) and submit your photos by email to: support@wanderer.com or by mail to P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You can also drop photos off at our office at 55 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett.*



I'M A WANDERER



While attending a recent wedding in South Korea, Rochester residents Spence, Marcy, Geneva, and Hannah Smith toured the United Nations Command Security Battalion-Joint Security Area which is located only 400 meters (1,300 feet) south of the southern boundary of the Demilitarized Zone. Here, they are pictured with The Wanderer outside of the Welcome Center since they could only take cameras on the tour of Conference Row, which actually straddles the Military Demarkation Line (MDL) between North Korea and South Korea.



A view of Panmun-Gak, the command post for North Korean guards, as seen from Freedom House in South Korea. The blue buildings are part of Conference Row, and the MDL runs down the center of each building. There are entrances to the buildings on both sides of the MDL so that meetings can be held between the two countries.



From Feb 21st to March 7th, 2013, Russ and Joanie Dill with Arthur and Ellie Blackburn cruised on the Coral Princess from Los Angeles through the Panama Canal to Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale before returning home. A fabulous trip, great (hot) weather, we visited Hotel California (made famous by the Eagles) in Todos Santos on the

Baja Peninsula and Cabo San Lucas; Granada and Las Iseatas, Lake Nicaragua in Nicaragua while Art and Ellie visited a Hacienda; made a detour to let off an ailing passenger in Guatemala; in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, the Puntarenas Rainforest in a tram and on foot, and Tarcoles River, where we were among Crocodiles and were able to identify more than 43 species of tropical birds with help from the incredibly knowledgeable guides; 8 hours through the amazingly beautiful and wonderous Panama Canal; The Castillo San Felipe de Barajas fortress and Las Bovedas, Cartagena, Columbia and we were surprised at how beautiful and clean the city was; and finally Aruba before sailing for home.



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library held their 5th Annual Birthday Party for the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on March 30 which included cake and Blossom the Clown. Photos by Felix Perez



Old Rochester Regional Bulldogs are the 6th Grade Boys Basketball Champions at the Kingston Sports Center Tournament Weekend Record 4 - 0 March 15-17, 2013. Pictured from left to right (top row) are Coach Bob Mourao, Matthew Brogioli, Jake Mourao, Bob Ross, Adam Sylvia, Cole McIntyre, Isaiah Ostiguy and Coach Ken Ross. (front row) Noah McIntyre, Bryce Alfonso, Holden King, and Nathan King. (not pictured) Anthony Childs.

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Elks Student of the Month Alyssa Seifert of Rochester



Joseph Marciszyn was selected as the new Executive Director at the Mattapoisett YMCA



Above: Don Cuddy of ORCVT accepts a \$500 grant from Stephen Schwartz to support a community- based oral history initiative.

Left: Old Rochester Regional High School graduate and Southern Connecticut State University freshman Nicole Pruchnik in action on the beam, floor, and vault. Later this month, she and her teammates head to the USA Gymnastics Women's Collegiate National Championships in Shreveport, La. Photos courtesy of Nicole Pruchnik.

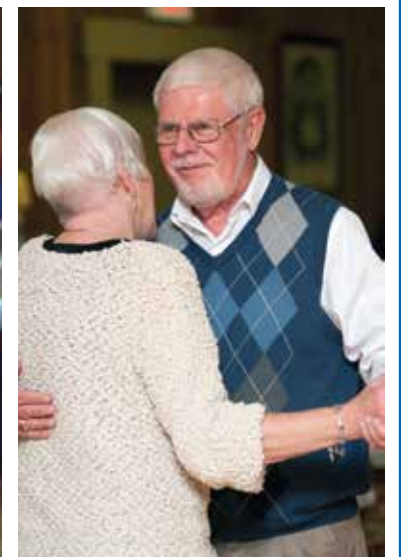


April 11, 2013 Cover:
Marion Fireworks Beach
Gala on Saturday April
6th was a huge success
bringing the town one
step closer to 4th of July
Fireworks. Photos by Beth
Redman and Paul Lopes

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Above: Over one hundred people attended the Marion Fireworks Beach Gala on Saturday April 6th to show their support for the 2013 July 4th Fireworks. The crowd enjoyed dancing, complimentary food, a raffle and an auction. The night was a great success and raised \$7400. Next on the agenda for the Committee is mailing out a fund raising letter this week. If you would like to contribute to the cause you can send a donation to: Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Photos by Beth Redman & Paul Lopes



The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly held a Ballroom Dance Party on Saturday, April 6 to benefit the Mattapoisett Council on Aging and other senior activities. Live music was provided by the Meadow Larks. Photos by Felix Perez

April 11, 2013 Edition

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS

"The Mattapoissett Fire Department had a busy day on Thursday, April 4. While fighting a brush fire on Meadowbrook Lane. They received a call regarding a car fire on Acushnet Road. Both fires were attracted a lot of attention but were extinguished quickly by the Department. Photos by Paul Lopes



Members of the Paw Prints staff who traveled to the Greater Boston High School Journalism Awards: Front Row (l-r): Former advisor Teresa Dall, Anne Roseman, Evelyn Murdock, Renae Reints, Rose Haznar; Back Row (l-r):Isaiah Kidney, Samuel Resendes, advisor Randy Allain, Adam Costa, Corey Miranda





April 18, 2013 Cover: The Old Hammondtown School Concert Band performed at the prestigious Symphony Hall in Boston at the Gold Medal Showcase on April 13 after earning a Gold Medal Award at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association festival. Photo courtesy of Jim Mahaney jimmahaneyphotography.smugmug.com

ORR TRACK



ORR Girl's Track Team competed against Apponequet, Bourne, Case, Dighton-Rehoboth, Fairhaven, Greater New Bedford RVTHS, Seekonk, and Wareham on Saturday in regional relay races. Photos by Felix Perez



ORR's Fred Murolo ran a career-best 2:07 in the 800 meters against Wareham last week. Photo by Dorothy Bell

April 18, 2013 Edition

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group learned what it takes to collect minerals and fossils, explored some wonderful specimens of each, and made their own "fossil" with geologist and amateur archaeologist Jim Pierson.



Many thanks to Jim for another wonderful program! (Partial funding for the program was provided by the Marion Cultural Council). Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



Town Clerk Naida Parker (right) tallies the votes at last week's Rochester election. The final count decided the Selectman's race with a difference of only 26 votes. Photo by Shawn Badgley

We congratulate senior, Karen Gonneville (above left) of Rochester for being selected by the Old Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff as Student of the Month for April. Karen does not let someone else's perceived limitations define her. Karen is one of the hardest working students I have ever come to know. She is taking college courses in addition to her high school studies and has a great involvement in her church. Karen is very helpful around the classroom and always has a smile and a kind word. She is very deserving of this honor.

We congratulate senior, Nicholas Pacheco (above center) of Rochester for being selected by the Old Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff for Student of the Month for May and Student of the Year. Nicholas represents what an ORR student is all about. He is an athlete and class aide and a great role model for the younger classes. Nick has no problem taking charge and making sure everyone understands the class lessons. He is a wonderful student to have in class and is an asset to the ORR community.

The Elks of Wareham Lodge NO. 1548 sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school, club and community service, industry and farming.

April 18, 2013 Edition



April 25, 2013 Cover: The New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus visited the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House on April 21 to share songs that reflect the rich maritime heritage of the region. The chorus of more than 40 members boasts a repertoire including chanteys, ballads, and ditties of sailors, whalers, and coastwise fisherfolk. Photo by Felix Perez.

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



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April 25, 2013 Edition



May 2, 2013 Cover: The Old Rochester Little League held their parade and opening day on Saturday April 27. The festivities included the National Anthem sung by Jennel Garcia and opening pitches thrown by Police Chief's Lincoln Miller (Marion), Mary Lyons (Mattapoisett), and Paul McGee (Rochester), as well as Fire Chiefs Thomas Joyce (Marion), Andrew Murray (Mattapoisett) and Scott Weigel (Rochester). Photos by Felix Perez.

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Opening day for the Tri-town Girl's Softball League was held by Marion Recreation at Washburn Park on Saturday. After a small parade all of the players for each team were introduced and afterwards the teams played games all afternoon. Photos by Kyle DeCicco-Carey

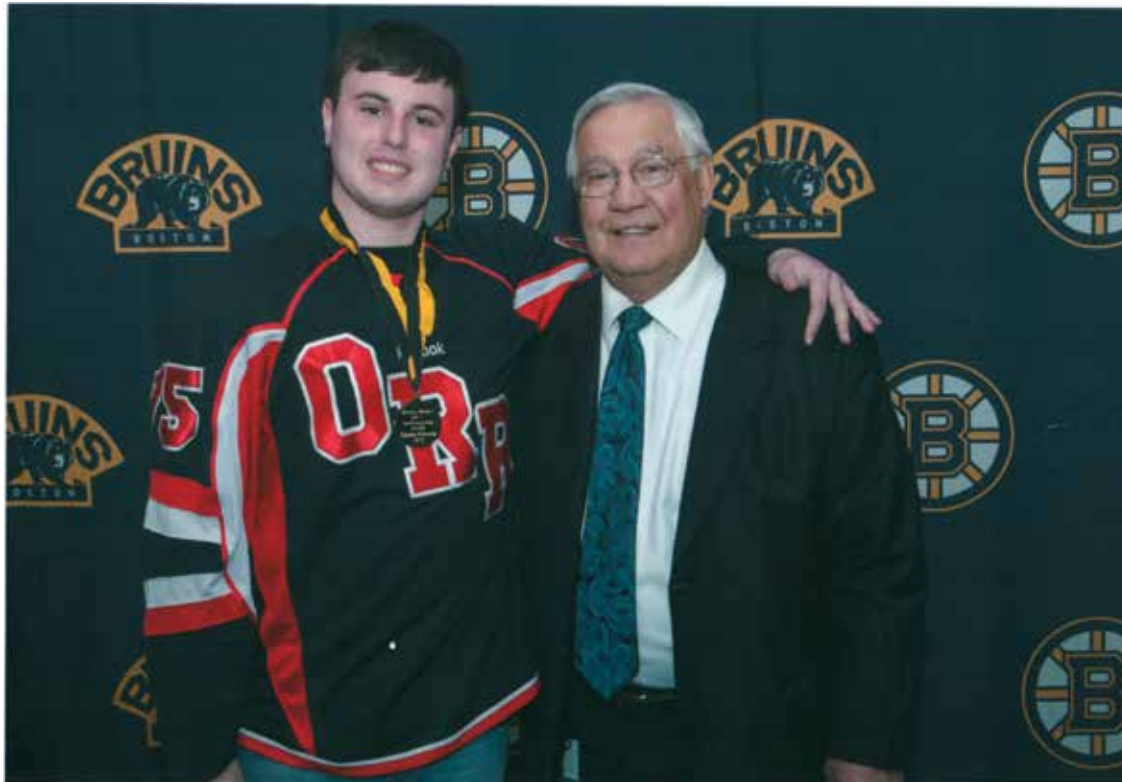


TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Despite cool raining weather members of the Mattapoisett Lions Club joined together on Saturday April 20th to repair the shade shed at Ned's Point, including a new roof. The following Saturday the members repaired the shade shed at the town beach. Both shade shed were originally built by the members of the Lions Club. The Mattapoisett Lions Club has been promoting eye research and serving the community since 1953. These projects are made possible by the generous support

of our local merchants, town departments, members of the community and Lions Club members. Additional photos of Lions project are available on their FB page and on our web-site www.mattapoisettlions-club.org. If you are interested in finding out more about the Mattapoisett Lions Club and are interested in joining please contact Membership Chairperson, Steve Magyar at 508-758-9268



Left: ORR Senior honor student and defenseman Garrett Peterson received the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Sportsmanship Award in conjunction with the Boston Bruins in April.





May 9, 2013 Cover: Thirty-six fifth- and sixth-grade students from Rochester Memorial School's Drama Club, along with the help of six ORR Junior High students, performed Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" on Friday, May 3. The production was directed by Dannie Kleiman and featured costumes by Kate Tarleton. Photo by Felix Perez.

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Lea Bourgeoise as Bianca



Abby Ferreira as the Widow



Beatrice Arnfield as Philip



Sandy Bednarczyk as the Habadasher and Kristina Hopkins as the Tailor



Ben Oliveira and Bobby Sylvester as the Altar Boys

May 9, 2013 Edition

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Children and parents came together Saturday, April 27th to help the Sippican Lands Trust (SLT) and The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) plant Atlantic White Cedar saplings in an initiative to re-introduce this rare, native species back onto SLT and Town properties.



Are you Boston Strong? Sippican School is! Students in Nicole Radke's fourth-grade classroom organized and ran the school's most successful charity fundraiser in just two days. Upon learning about the tragedy of the Boston Marathon Bombings and reflecting upon the courage and bravery of the first responders, students asked their teacher, "Can we do something to help the people who are hurt?"

In just two days, the students were granted permission by Principal Rivet to raise money for the One Fund Boston, the fundraiser designed by Governor Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Tom Menino, to assist those physically and emotionally affected by the events on April 15.

The "Radkids" went to work immediately. Recesses were spent painting posters and decorating the hallways of Sippican School. Students volunteered to read both morning and afternoon announcements to bring awareness to a Boston Strong Spirit Day on April 26. The school community was encouraged to dress in the traditional colors of the BAA (Boston Athletic Association) and/or wear sports gear depicting a Boston sports team to show unity, pride, and spirit.

On April 26, the Radkids' efforts were rewarded. Students rushed into the building sporting their favorite team's T-shirts, donning blue and yellow ribbons in their hair, and even wearing face paint with the motto "Boston Strong" on their cheeks. Teachers could also be spotted wearing blue and yellow outfits and wearing Boston Bruin jerseys. In the end, the students counted spare change and collected \$1,057 from the school community. Most importantly, they learned the valuable lesson that we can come together to stand as one and help those in need.

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Marion Natural History Museum after-school group enjoyed another perfect trip to Bird Island with the Marion Harbormaster's Department. The students saw the arrival of some of the first terns back to the island, along with a couple of Oystercatchers and their eggs. Many, many thanks to the Marion Harbormaster's Department for helping us to explore this valuable and unique habitat. Photos by Elizabeth Leidhold



Left: Flynn Stevens (left) and Cameron Reedwisch are among the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School and New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School students constructing the new Snack Shack at Gifford Field in Rochester. "All aspects, from the windows and the doors to the wiring and the plumbing and the design" have been handled by the students, according to Old Colony teacher Stu Norton.



Members of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School's G.E.E.K. (Great Educated Entertaining Kids) team hosted a car wash at the Mattapoisett Fire House to raise funds for their trip to the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, Tenn. Photo by Felix Perez.



Frank McNamee gave a talk on May 1 to the Marion Council on Aging entitled, "What's in Your Attic?" at the Marion Police Station. He discussed many of the important objects that he discovered in attics of local homes and how much they were worth. He also appraised objects brought in by Council on Aging members as well as discussing the values of objects he brought in from his antiques shop. The speech was taped by the local cable station, ORCTV, channel 9 for Comcast, channel 36 for Verizon subscribers.

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Eighteen ORR students and one Tabor student, along with their fathers, spent their April vacation working at an orphanage on the island of Trinidad. The group provided labor, materials, and good spirits to help paint the sleeping areas for the 35 children who live at the Christ Child Convalescence Home. "It was a very eye-opening experience," said Ben Mattson, who went with his father, Wayne. "The kids were very excited to have us visit. They were so grateful and we could see what a big deal our work was to them. It was amazing to see how much we accomplished in such a short time." Photos by Jane Kassabian



The Southcoast Special Olympics began on May 5 at Center School, with young athletes from ages 2 to 7 participating in soccer, field hockey, tee-ball, and track & field. For information future sessions, contact Laura Antonellis at 508-212-8104 or lauraantonellis@ymail.com. Photo by Felix Perez.



Marion residents welcomed the town's new Christmas tree planted in Bicentennial Park last week, a Concolor fir from upstate New York that replaces the Colorado Blue Spruce formerly holding the title. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



May 16, 2013 Cover: The Marion Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts kicked off Town Meeting season by presenting the flag and leading the pledge of allegiance at this years Marion Annual Town Meeting. Boy Scout Jack Gordon is seen saluting the flag during the pledge of allegiance. Photo by Felix Perez

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS

There was a huge turn out for what has now become a Mother's Day tradition, the 7th Annual Women's Fund Tiara Mother's Day 5K. Photos by Felix Perez



May 16, 2013 Edition

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Despite the soggy weather on Saturday, May 11th, close to 100 kids of all ages came to Marion Recreation's Kid's Equipment Day held at Town Field on Main Street. Kids were able to climb and explore a fire truck, ambulance, bucket truck, police cruiser, street sweeper and construction vehicles. All children received a free fire hat or construction hat. Many volunteers were on hand to assist the kids and to answer any questions. Thanks to all the came to the event and special thanks to the volunteers that gave their time.



Retired Rochester Fire Chief Scott Ashworth's collection of restored fire trucks – including 1938 Ahrens-Fox and a 1956 Cadillac Meteor ambulance – is museum-quality, but he's not planning to charge admission any time soon. "You do it because you enjoy it. It's time consuming, but it's what I enjoy. I try to do everything that I can. It gives me pride." Photos by Nick Waleka



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Right: Designer Cindy Maak will lead construction on the new playground at Rochester Memorial School this July with the help of volunteers. To sign up as one, visit www.rmsplaygroundproject.weebly.com.



Above: The Marion Natural History Museum afterschool program spent some time looking for amphibians during yesterday's afterschool program. We found tadpoles of two types of frogs, salamander larvae, dragonfly and damsel fly larvae and many other animals. Many thanks to Kim Riley and Beth Lopes for their help with the class. Photos by Elizabeth Leidhold

Right: Marion Boy Scouts off-loaded two truck loads of trash, at the town dump, obtained from cleaning up County Road. In the picture are Dylan Villa, Alex Reichert, Dave Sheldon and Jack Nakashian. Scouts not pictured that had to leave due to previous commitments are, Jackson St. Don, Doug Breault Jr. and Chris Horton Jr.





May 23, 2013 Cover: *Harry the Havanese is training as a therapy dog, selected for his breed's gentle characteristics and soft coat. Therapy dogs can make a world of difference in nursing homes, care centers, and other places with people in need of support. Photo by Felix Perez*

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



On Wednesday, May 15th the Rochester Green Ways Committee met to work on its Wildflower Garden in the center of town. Members cleaned up winter debris, weeded the beds that are filled with native and introduced plants that are called weeds by some and planted new seed for this and future years beauty. This is a necessary chore that was enhanced by the fact that it was held on the state and national Plant Something Day. Donations by local businesses as well as homeowners are how the Green Ways gets its plants and materials to beautify areas in town. A big thanks to all who have donated in the past. If you have time, money or extra plants you would like to donate, contact Chairman, Wendy Keeler at 508-763-9888



The Elizabeth Taber Board of Library Trustees has appointed Elisabeth "Libby" O'Neil as the new Head Librarian at the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion. She will take the place of Judith Kleven who is retiring May 31 after 26 years. Before accepting this job, O'Neil was the Youth and Community Outreach Librarian for the Boston Public Library at Copley Square, Boston and was the former Children's Librarian at the South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library. Ms. O'Neil will start her new job in Marion on Monday, June 3.

After hosting a successful fundraiser, a "Cinco de Mayo" luncheon, at Mattapoisett Congregational Church, the church Missions Committee presented a \$750 check to the American Legion on Depot Street on Wednesday, May 15. The \$750 will help the Legion pay for the installation of a new furnace thus saving on heating costs and enabling the Legion to continue renting the popular building to local groups. The club is located on 9 Depot Street in Mattapoisett. For more information, call 508-758-2550.



TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



While most of Marion Boy Scouts Troop 32 Scouts were enjoying themselves at the O.R.R. Junior High School Band annual outing at Six Flags New England on 5/11/13, three Scouts and their Adult Leaders went to Camp Cachalot from Friday (5/10/13) night until Sunday (5/12/13) morning for a backpacking adventure. Pictured are Anne Duggan – Troop Advisor, Jack Nakashian, Brendan Nunes, Jackson St. Don and Paul St. Don – Scoutmaster (taking the picture is Robert Nakashian – Committee Chairman). The group went on a six-mile adventure exploring parts of Camp Cachalot and the Charge Pond area with full backpacks as preparation for Backpacking Merit Badge. After the backpacking hike, the Scouts took an hour break and went on to do some more exploring for another two hours. This is just an example of the adventurous troop we have. Later this week all the Scout will share their weekend adventures with each other at the Wednesday weekly rally at Camp Hadley while getting ready for their next adventure.



Seven-year-old Brady Weglowski from Mattapoisett was named VIP and given the title of Ambassador for a day as part of a program through Healing Little Hearts and Boston Children's Hospital. Brady (right), who suffers from a congenital heart defect, and classmate Ty Dumas traveled by motorcade with diplomatic security to meet with Gov. Deval Patrick, who showed the children his collection of challenge coins. Patrick also provided Brady with a citation to commemorate the visit.



May 30, 2013 Cover: The Tri-Town honored our fallen soldiers with both reverence and revelry on Memorial Day. From moving tributes and parades in Mattapoisett and Marion to a record-breaking day in the Rochester Boat Race, residents flocked to public spaces on a sunny and warm Monday. Photos by Felix Perez, Joan Hartnett-Barry, and Nick Walecka.

RIVER RACE 2012

Memorial Day's Rochester Boat Race saw 65 teams competing in ideal conditions, with five of them finishing the course in under two hours.



Dan Lawrence and William D. Watling III of Rochester (above left) broke the race record, winning the men's division with a time of 1:46:59. Amy Hartley-Matteson of Mattapoisett and Katherine Hartley of Rochester (2:11:14) won the women's division for the third consecutive time – the second time they've three-peated. But the day's biggest champion was 2-year-old Chloe Harding (above right), a cancer survivor who raced with her father, Harrison. Photos by Felix Perez and Nick Walecka.

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MEMORIAL DAY 2013



Memorial Day 2013 offered something for everyone as the Tri-Town came out in droves to remember American veterans who gave their lives. The Sippican School and Old Hammondtown bands performed, while festivities also included parades, speeches, and ceremonies from the American Legion and VFW. Photos by Felix Perez, Joan Hartnett-Barry, and Nick Walecka.



Mattapoisett/Rochester Memorial Day Parade. Photo by Maribeth Moore

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Above: It's a windy wet day but it didn't dampen the spirits of the musicians at Shipyard Park On Thursday May 23. The Junior High band and Chorus entertained the masses through the gusts and mist for a grand kick off to the summer concert season. Photos by Paul Lopes



Left: Sippican School Sixth Graders embark on their annual mountain classroom in New Hampshire. Photo courtesy Jay Pateakos

Right: Maggie Fearons, Katie Nilson, Natalie Nilson and Georgia Toland work to raise money for the Marion Fireworks. Fundraising efforts have already yielded over \$38,000 towards the effort. The exact figure needed is not known until the bids are opened and the costs of services such as police and fire details are quantified. Those wishing to contribute towards the Fireworks can send donations to Marion Fireworks, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Limited edition T-shirts are also available at the Marion Recreation office on 13 Atlantis Drive as well as at Hangman Coffee Hut, Lighthouse Liquors and the Town Clerk's office at the Marion Town House.





June 6, 2013 Cover: Congratulations to the Class of 2013 from Old Rochester Regional High School. Graduation ceremony is at 1pm this Saturday. For a list of this year's graduates see page 54. Photo by Paul Lopes

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Above & Right: Scores of admirers gathered on Friday to celebrate the service of Head Librarian Judy Kleven, who retired after 27 years at Elizabeth Taber. Young Max Richins presented Kleven with an Eiffel Tower-themed card, as she hopes to travel to Paris in retirement, while others brought a book-shaped cake and a new cat – Noah. Photos by Joan Hartnett-Barry



Above: "Garden Party" by Mary Jane McCoy will be exhibited at the Marion Art Center along with "Art In Bloom" floral interpretations of the Artist's Work by Members of the Marion Garden Group June 7 – July 13

Right: The Mattapoisett Lions Club announced the recipient of 2013 Mattapoisett Lion's Club Award of Excellence in the amount of \$5,000. This year's recipient is Colleen Packard a senior at Bishop Stang High School who will be attending George Washington University in the fall and will be majoring in chemistry. She is recognized for her work in community service, her goals when she completes her studies and her academic record. Pictured are (left to right): Ron Ellis, award committee member, Helene Rose, award committee chairperson, Colleen Packard, Award recipient, and Don Bamberger, President Mattapoisett Lions Club.



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Above: The Joseph H. Plumb Library in Rochester kicked off their summer reading program entitled "Dig Into Reading" last Friday evening at the Congressional Church, where "Mad Scientist" Laser Leigh presented a group of K-6 graders from the Tri-Town area with several scientific experiments and an informative-yet-fun lecture on the wide scientific world. Photos by Nick Walecka.



Left: As a culminating activity, Old Rochester Regional High School students in Intro to TV Production, Video Journalism and Bulldog TV, traveled to Boston to view a live broadcast of the noon news at WBZ-TV, a CBS affiliate. Photo by Deborah Stinson



It was thanksgiving in May as the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) hosted an appreciation celebration honoring volunteers on May 31. Balloons and festive tables, a three course meal catered by New Bedford's Riccardi's, music by the Relics (courtesy of the Rochester Cultural Council) certificates of appreciation and 175 gifts (one for each volunteer) were all part of the celebration.





June 13, 2013 Cover: Old Rochester Regional High School seniors graduated on Saturday, June 8, in a commencement ceremony that took place in the gymnasium as storms threatened. For full coverage of the event, in addition to Senior Awards, see our ORR Update on page 38. Photos by Felix Perez

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool program enjoyed a beautiful day while inspecting Sippican School grounds for things you normally might not notice. The students collected several specimens of lichens for their projects and enjoyed a "last day" snack of doughnuts. Many thanks to Marc Sylvia and Beth Lopes for their help with the program. Photos by Elizabeth Leidhold



Old Rochester Regional Junior High School's representative in the Destination Imagination Global Finals traveled to Knoxville, Tenn., during Memorial Day weekend to compete against the world's most dynamic young minds. The GEEKS – Sara Lafrance, Holly Frink, Rikard Bodin, Kyle Rood, and Edward Krawczyk, as well as team managers Tina Rood and Kerry Bulman – finished seventh out of 60 teams in their age group. Photos courtesy of Tina Rood.



The Marion Art Center's Art in Bloom opened on Friday, organizers and volunteers gathered Friday afternoon to prepare the exhibit. Works by Mary Jane McCoy and Arthur Kvarnstrom will be paired with interpretative floral arrangements by



members of the Marion Garden Discussion Group. Art in Bloom runs through July 13. The Marion Art Center Gallery is open on Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Admission is free and open to the public. Photos by Shawn Badgley

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Eighty-four students, thirty-seven performances, six acts, and two teachers add up to one great night of entertainment. The talents showed through at Sippican School's "Sippican's Got Talent" this evening. There was dancing, there was singing, magic and even stand up comedy, they had it all. Photos by Paul Lopes



June 13, 2013 Edition

June 20, 2013 Cover: 'Shindig' was the first to cross the finish line in this years Marion/Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race. Photo by SpectrumPhoto/Fran Grenon



TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Hundreds of residents attended the Tri-Town Relay for Life last weekend, raising nearly \$40,000 for the American Cancer Society. The overnight event included a candlelight vigil for family and friends whose lives were taken by the disease, as well as a celebration for those who have survived it. Photos by Felix Perez.



The biennially Marion/Bermuda Cruising Yacht race began last Friday with 'Shindig' the being the first to cross the finish line 645 miles away on Monday Morning. Photos by SpectrumPhoto/Fran Grenon



TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Rochester Memorial School 4th Grade held an all school Flag Day ceremony on June 14th honoring and thanking community first responders. Commencing this energy filled event was the raising of the flag to the National Anthem followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Acknowledgements to a fantastic show of local and state police, fire fighters, EMT's, veterans and serving military heroes was presented through 4th grade students and famous poems, songs and personal thank yous. Photos courtesy of Ilana Mackin



ORRJHS seventh-graders participate in the school's SCOPE program. Wednesday saw the students hiking the Mattapoissett Land Trust and joining together for trust- and team-building exercises under the guidance of science teacher Kathy Gauvin. Photos by Shawn Badgley





June 27, 2013 Cover: The first annual Town Beach party kicked off the summer fun in Mattapoisett this weekend. There was lots of fun in the sun including a Sand Castle contest. Photos by Felix Perez.

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



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June 27, 2013 Edition

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



More than 100 people celebrated the life of Charles A.R. Pickles aboard the 85-foot MV Cuttyhunk during the annual Memorial Cruise on Saturday night. The event's proceeds fund scholarships for Community Boating of New Bedford, which offers scholarships to children who want to learn how to sail. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry



A 36 inch Striper caught on Saturday, June 22 by Lucas Parker of Rochester. The proud Angler caught the fish off the end of Long Wharf in Mattapoisett around high tide. Photo courtesy Horace Field Harbormaster



Past Presidents of the Mattapoisett Lions Club along current members, family and friends gathered at the Music Hall in Marion to celebrate the Club's 60th anniversary and to install the slate of new officers for the coming year.

The Club motto is WE SERVE. Over the years the Club members have been instrumental in building the gazebo at Shipyard Park, the shade sheds at the town beach and Ned's Point, the tennis courts at Center School, supplying sporting equipment, building wheel chair ramps for those in need, hosting the Easter Egg Hunt, Senior turkey dinner in April, high school scholarship program, collecting toys and canned goods at Christmas time and providing eyeglasses and hearing aids to those in need. Last year our members cooked up, delivered and served over 500 hot meals in New York to those affected by hurricane Sandy. On an international level the Club is committed to help cure blindness and to provide humanitarian aid. The biggest fund raiser of the year is Harbor Days which is the third week-end of July and kicks off with the triathlon the previous Sunday. The Loin's Club wishes to thank the local businesses, town government and departments, the community members at large and our friends and family for all the support provided over the last 60 years. We look forward to continue serving the community and supporting eye research.



July 4, 2013 Cover: Happy Birthday, America! It's the 4th of July week, and the Tri-Town is bustling with the Marion Parade, the 4th of July Horse Show, Mattapoisett Road Race, Arts in the Park, and of course the return of the Fireworks to Silvershell Beach in Marion!

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The Mattapoisett Fire Department traveled to Livesy Park in Fairhaven on Saturday to compete in a Fire Muster Competition and Parade. Engine One won Best Overall in the parade and the department placed 2nd in dry hose evolution, and 2nd place in the midnight run event. Photos by Tom Lincoln



Lisa Winsor, of Mattapoisett, is a cancer survivor and a Pan-Mass Challenge cyclist who was honored by the Boston Red Sox on Saturday, June 29 during PMC Night at Fenway Park. Winsor was among the cancer survivors who rode her bike around the warning track in a pre-game ceremony during which the PMC's 34th anniversary logo was unveiled on the Green Monster. On August 3 and 4, together with 5,500 cyclists, Winsor will ride up to 190 miles across Massachusetts in the Pan-Mass Challenge charity bike-a-thon. Now in its 34th year, the Pan-Mass Challenge is a pioneer of the athletic fundraising industry and today raises more money for charity than any other single athletic event in the country. This year's goal is to raise \$38 million for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The PMC is a model of fundraising efficiency as it contributes 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the cause. This is the 11th year that the Boston Red Sox Foundation is the presenting sponsor of the Pan-Mass Challenge. Photo by Danny George

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Runners and volunteers celebrate after the completion of the Marion Village 5K. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



"Birds Beaches & Bogs II" at the Marion Art Center will open on Friday, July 19th with an opening reception from 6pm to 8pm. Members and guests are invited to come and meet the artists, and enjoy good food and libations. Local artists, Sarah Brown, Heide Hallemeier, Molly Watson Hawley, Gail Marie Nauen and Michael Ouellette will exhibit paintings in pastels, oils, watercolor and acrylic. Mike McCarthy of Mattapoisett Bird Works, will exhibit his beautifully carved and painted shore birds. Works pictured here include (top left) "Tiki Hut" – Sarah Brown; (top right) Gail Marie Nauen "Kallio's Cranberries"; (bottom left) "Water's Edge" – Heide Hallemeier; (bottom right) Mike McCarthy – "Heron";





July 11, 2013 Cover: There was a lot to do in the Tri-Town over the weekend, including parades, a horse show, a road race, and of course the return of the Marion Fireworks. These Mermaids and Poseidon made an appearance on a float in the Marion Fourth of July Parade, filling the streets with music and bubbles! Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry.

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS

The Wanderer took hundreds of photos of the events of the 4th of July weekend, here's a sampling. See more on our website and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/wanderer



Fireworks at Silvershell Beach. Photos by Felix Perez



Marion 4th of July Horse Show. Photo by Nick Waleka

4th of July Parade, Marion. Photo by Joan Hartnet-Barry



The Mattapoisett Road Race. Photos by Felix Perez

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS

The U12 Mariner Sonics & the U18 Mariner Comets recently competed for a state championship at the MA Tournament of Champions in Lancaster, MA. The U12 Mariner Sonics qualified for the state tourney by achieving an impressive perfect 10 - 0 season in the South Coast Soccer League to earn their first South Coast Championship. The U18 Mariner Comets have enjoyed tremendous success as they became MA State Finalists for the 3rd time in 4 years.

U12G (Top Photo): Back row, from left: Assistant Coach Doug Barresi, Delaney Pothier, Ryley Costa, Breanna Demanche, Gabby Barresi, Tali O'Leary, Maddie Demanche, Coach Dave Francis. Front row, from left: Brianna Cruz, Anya Aadland, Jillian Kutash, Alex Fluegel, Nicole Fantoni, Arissa Francis



U18G (Center Photo): Back row, from left: Assistant Coach Mike Bouvette, Nora Saunders, Tori Vargas, Amanda Frey, Andrea Chaput, Katie Langlois, Mackenzie Macuch, Alex Gordon, Caitlin Haefner, Sydney Mota, Coach Dave Francis. Front row, from left: Carly Ciccattelli, Kayli Berche, Ally Smith, Abby Adams, Allison Francis, Hannah Bouvette, Michaela Bouvette, Ashley Pereira.



Bottom Photo: The Braves beat the Orioles 5-0 in the the Old Rochester Little League (ORLL) major league championship game. The team members are: Jon Borsari, Colin Bourgeois, Desmond Dias, Ted Dunn, Johnny Farrell, Jonny Hamilton, Billy Kirby, Joel Palker, Adam Silvia, Jackson St'Don (not pictured) Liam Stuart. Coaches were Lee Hamilton, Larry Silvia, Matt Stuart and Michael Palker.



TriTOWN HAPPENINGS

The Marion Art Center wrapped up the first session of Artstart with a production of 'The Secret' this Friday. The two-week program for children ages four to nine focuses on arts, crafts, music, theater and stories. Program director Nancy Sparklin said the children had great fun and all got along wonderfully. Session two starts on July 9 and session three on July 25. More information about the program can be found on their website at www.marionartcenter.org/ArtStart, Photo by Paul Lopes



Marion's Arts in the Park found Tri-Town residents braving the heat to check out work from artists and artisans at Bicentennial Park last weekend.



Pictured (above) artist Kim Barry with customers and (right) are artist Lissa Magauran with Shirley and Bill MacDougall. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



(Left) Kathy Medina's Studio of Dance earned top honors at the Dance Ovations National Championships held June 29 to July 6 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on Cedar Lake in Sturbridge. The competition team was the Overall High Score Winner in several categories. The team included Morgan Bliss, Julia Hall, Madelyn Pellegrino, Elyse Pellegrino, Tim Schroeder, and Jillian Zucco of Mattapoissett; Chelsea Anderson of Wareham; Sarah Pinhancos of Rochester, Lauryn Pallatrone of Marion; Hana Chouinard, Emma Oliveria, and Emma Sousa of Dartmouth; Emily Dellacioppa and Mya Medieros of Fairhaven; Janiya Cardona, Selena Medeiros, Raylin Medina, and Eve Rodrigues of New Bedford. Photo courtesy of Kelly Zucco.



July 18, 2013 Cover: The Mattapoisett Lion's Club held the annual Triathlon on Sunday officially kicking off the list of events for Harbor Days.

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Above & Below: Organizers deemed the Florence Eastman American Legion Post 280 Clam Boil a success despite rainy conditions, as scores of Tri-Town residents came to Shipyard Park for dishes like Ken Dawicki's chowder stew and Bob Moore's stuffing. Photos courtesy of Michael Lamoureux.



Members of Mattapoisett's Boy Scout Troop 53 gather around the completed Eagle Scout project for Owen Lee (top). The scouts were aided by the Highway Department in transporting the lifeguard stands to Town Beach. Photo courtesy of Bodil Perkins.



Marion town employees at the appreciation cookout held on Friday afternoon at Bicentennial Park. (left) Ian Pratt, Scott Shippy, Tyler Pratt, Donna Hemphill, Paul Dawson, and John Cook (above) Board members Jeff Oakes and Norm Hills enjoy an appreciation supper on Thursday night. Photos by Joan Hartnett-Barry

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



"Falling of the Rain," may not be the biggest hit of Billy Joel produced but the Billy Joel Tribute at Silvershell beach on Saturday had no shortage of falling rain. Dozens of die hard supporters showed up despite the rain to help support the Marion Police Brotherhood and to hear the "Eric Robert: Billy Joel Tribute." It must be true, "you can't stop the falling of the rain!" or stop the fans. Photos by Felix Perez.



Right: Bella Romig and her Hippo Watering Can. Romig helped give a tour of the Sippican School Community Garden on Friday during Gardens by the Sea. Below: More Gardens by the Sea. Photos by Joan Hartnett-Barry



Author Krista Russell, a Mattapoissett native, signed and read from her young adult novel Chasing the Nightbird on Thursday at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library. Russell took questions from an eager audience of all ages, just hours before she would receive a Massachusetts Book Award in New Bedford. Photos by Shawn Badgley.



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Above: Mattapoisett was recognized as a five-year recipient of the Tree City USA Award at a recent Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Urban and Community Program. Mattapoisett Tree Warden Roland Cote is shown with Tree Committee member Ann Briggs with the new five-year sign. Tree City USA is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation and works with the DCR in Massachusetts to assist communities in protecting, growing, and managing community trees and forests. Also recognized was the town of Marion, with 16 years. Seventy-six communities in Massachusetts participated in the program this year. Photo courtesy of Sandra Hering.



The Buzzards Bay Musicfest returned for the 17th year offering a week of free concerts to the area including Chamber music performed by nationally prominent musicians on Saturday night at the Fireman Performing Arts Center at Tabor Academy. Selections from Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Brahms and Vivaldi, among others were performed. Photo by Felix Perez



Check out hundreds of summer happenings photos on our website including Harbor Days Triathlon pictures: www.wanderer.com



Left: Charlie and Carol Brown and Susan and Coyt Tillman enjoy the Marion Art Center's fundraiser last Friday evening. (above) John Quirk, Robert Skavronski, Curt Blood, and Casey Quirk Photos by Joan Hartnett-Barry



July 25, 2013 Cover: The Lions Club 2013 Mattapoissett Harbor Days Festival culminated in a weekend of crafts, cooking, and entertainment at Shipyard Park. Photo by Felix Perez.

TriTown Happenings

Hundreds of Tri-Town residents descended on Shipyard Park last week for the popular Taste of the Town. Highlights included signature dishes from local restaurants and a performance from the talented Showstoppers. Photos by Nick Walecka.



From July 14th to the 20th, Troop 32 Marion Boy Scouts enjoyed the outdoor lifestyle that is the Camp Cachalot Scout Reservation (CSR). These scouts earned or participated in Merit Badges classes for Camping, Chess, Family Life, Canoeing, Rowing, Forestry, Search and Rescue, Leatherworking, Fishing, Rifle and Shotgun. From right to left, top row: Scoutmaster Paul St. Don, First Class Scout Chris Horton, First Class Scout Jack Nakashian, Committee Chairman Bob Nakashian, First Class Scout Doug Breault Jr., Second Class Scout Graham Poirier. Bottom row: Second Class Scout Jackson St. Don, Life Scout Jack Gordon, Star Scout Charles Mara (Troop 49 - Kinston, MA) Tenderfoot Scout Zach Pateakos. Photo Courtesy Jay Pateakos

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Left: The Mattapoisett Free Public Library's Susan Pizzolato prepares for the Young Adult Author Signing at Shipyard Park. Photos by Shawn Badgley



Above: The first book in Rebecca Maizel's Vampire Queen trilogy, *Infinite Days*. Maizel was one of four authors at the signing. Left: (l-r) Scott Blagden, Rebecca Maizel, Kimberly Marcus, and Joe Lawlor huddle up before Thursday night's booksigning.



Author Scott Blagden mentors 14-year-old aspiring novelist Jacqueline Leduc.



Harbor Days 2013, Photos by Tom Lincoln



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Thousands of Tri-Town residents and summer visitors flocked to Shipyard Park throughout a week of fun in the sun for the Lions Club 2013 Mattapoissett Harbor Days Festival. Photos by Felix Perez.



July 25, 2013 Edition

August 1, 2013 Cover: Cast members gather during rehearsal for the "Irving Berlin Revue," the ORR Drama Club's 2013 Alumni Summer Production running Aug. 1-4. Front Row (l-r): Sophia Deery, Katie Kiernan, Madelyn Pellegrino, Jillian Zucco, Holly Cardoza; Middle Row (l-r): Lucas Parker, Troy Rood, Alyssa Rae, Katie Holden, Stephen Lacombe, Chris Tippins; Back Row (l-r): Jacob Rioux, Jack Thomas, Max Houck. Photo by Shawn Badgley.



TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Youngsters gather last Thursday for the Mattapoisett Historical Society's event making boats out of recycled materials. Rainy conditions only added to the fun, as the kids were able to test the seaworthiness of their crafts in a small pool outside of the museum. Photos by Shawn Badgley.



The First Congregational Church of Marion held their Super Duper Summer Fair on Saturday drawing dozens of fans who enjoyed the food, music and fun. Photos by Felix Perez. - See more at: <http://www.wanderer.com/features/super-duper-summer-fair-2/#sthash.drmDSSn8.dpuf>



Bob Jones. Used to run the fair. This is his first year not doing so.



Thomas Shire Jr. gives 11 year old Zane Renzi of East Greenwich a "colossal" cotton candy.



Left: Susan Kenny or Marion with her Puppet Tangerine



5 year old Layla Daniels and 9 year old Maxwell Tucker

August 1, 2013 Edition

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Cast members gather during rehearsal for the "Irving Berlin Revue," the ORR Drama Club's 2013 Alumni Summer Production running Aug. 1-4. Photos by Shawn Badgley.



The Marion Natural History Museum's Life Along the Shore program enjoyed learning a little something about the crabs that inhabit the Marion shoreline during the July 2013 session. Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold





August 8, 2013 Cover: Scores of classics, hot rods, and cruisers lined Shipyard Park last Friday, while their owners congregated. More Mattapoisett Wharf Cruise Nights are scheduled for Aug. 16, Sept. 6, and Sept. 20, 5:00-9:00pm. Photo by Nick Walecka

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Cadet First Lieutenant (C/1LT) John-Mark MacFarlane, a Marion, MA resident, had a very busy summer attending the Massachusetts American Legion Boys State program and three U.S. Military Academy summer seminars.

Following an in-depth application process, C/1LT MacFarlane was selected to attend Massachusetts Boys State June 15-21 at Stonehill College. The Boys State program, founded by the American Legion in 1935, is a comprehensive week-long leadership action course in state and local government that is open to rising male seniors who qualify for this significant opportunity. Participants learn how local, county and state governments operate in order to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government and learn that our government is what we make it. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, assemblies and recreational programs.

C/1LT MacFarlane also attended the Summer Leaders Experience at the United States Military Academy (USMA) – West Point in New York; the United States Naval Academy (USNA) Summer Seminar in Maryland; and the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) Introduction Mission program in Connecticut during June and July. The summer seminars act as a week-long immersion

into the academic, military and athletic programs of each academy. Only the most qualified applicants gain acceptance to these programs where they acquire first-hand experience of cadet life at a U.S. Military Service Academy.

C/1LT MacFarlane is a boarding cadet at Riverside Military Academy (RMA) in Gainesville, GA. He serves as Executive Officer for Golf Company, participates on the varsity football and wrestling teams, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He received Riverside's Rotary Award in May 2013 for exhibiting outstanding leadership qualities, and he was also awarded the JROTC Rifle Sharpshooter Badge. C/1LT MacFarlane is the son of Dr. John MacFarlane and Mrs. Raquel MacFarlane of Marion, MA.

August 8, 2013 Edition

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The Tri-Town's inaugural edition of National Night Out drew a big and enthusiastic crowd on Tuesday. Residents watched the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department's Ken Ballinger demonstrate K-9 tactics, got a feel for SWAT, EMS, and Fire vehicles; and enjoyed pizza and ice cream. The event is a celebration of crime prevention and community policing. Photos by Shawn Badgley.



The Ned's Point Lighthouse Ladies Sipping Society (NPLLSS) – (l-r): Sandra from Mattapoisett, Phyllis from Lexington, Lolly from Arlington, and Jaine from Fairhaven – has been gathering for 25 years to have a cocktail at the Mattapoisett landmark. Photo by Felix Perez.



August 15, 2013 Cover: Meg Hughes, one of the most promising athletes in the region, crosses the finish line in victory among a crowded Rochester Road Race field on Sunday. Photo by Nick Walecka.

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Hundreds of people attended the Marion VFW clambake on Sunday. Photos by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



Hunter and Toby Gonsalves helped with serving



Above: Bird Island Challenge competitors return from the 12-mile course. Left: Greg Johnson and his first mate, Mackie, enjoy the Great Hill course at the Bird Island Challenge. Photos by Joan Hartnett-Barry



Demita Wright serves up great food at the clambake.



Dozens of volunteers gathered at Rochester Memorial School on Saturday to construct a new playground for the students there. "We started in February," said Playground Project Chair Donna Forcier, "and here we are – finally." New RMS principal Derek Medeiros was also on hand to help with the build. Photo by Nick Walecka.



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Courtney Cunningham (top) and Lindsay Holick (bottom) are all smiles as they play a game at ORR's field hockey camp. Photo courtesy of Tori Saltmarsh.



Above: Patrons enjoyed browsing through thousands of books at the Elizabeth Taber Library book sale. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry



David Pierce took a break from the festivities to read his latest find. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry



Old Colony students helped prepare the grounds for this weekend's Rochester Country Fair by designing and erecting this archway. Photo by Nick Walecka.



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The Marion Natural History Museum's Coastal Explorations II science program enjoyed a day kayaking in Sippican Harbor.



Many thanks to Karen Moore Dourdeville for her excellent presentation to the Coastal Explorations II summer program regarding the sea turtles of Buzzards Bay. The students were able to piece together some of the skeleton of a Loggerhead that washed up in Mattapoisett two years ago. They hope to be able to reconstruct it for a display in the Museum when it reopens this fall. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

August 15, 2013 Edition

August 22, 2013 Cover: The theme for the 2013 Country Fair might have been "Welcome to the Jungle," but this participant in Sunday morning's parade – costumed as a character from "Avatar" – knows that there will be no jungle if we don't do our best to protect our natural environment. Photo by Felix Perez.



TriTOWN HAPPENINGS

Hundreds of spectators lined the streets for the Rochester Country Fair Parade on Sunday morning. The event – which was as much a spectacle as ever despite changes to its format – boasted 52 farm tractors, several floats, classic cars, a go-cart, a military jeep, and numerous other vehicles. Photos by Felix Perez and Nick Walecka.



August 22, 2013 Edition

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The Rochester Grange Fair, celebrating more than a century of existence, awarded ribbons and cash prizes to entrants in categories such as best vegetables, baked goods, flower arrangements, needlework, photos, paintings, and conservation collections. Photos by Nick Walecka.



The Rochester Country Fair was a huge success from its start on Thursday evening to its finish on Sunday, as thousands of Tri-Town residents filled the grounds for food, fun, and games amid beautiful weather and a "Welcome to the Jungle" theme. Photos by Shawn Badgley, Felix Perez, and Nick Walecka.

August 22, 2013 Edition

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Marion Art Center staged the "Stars & Stripes Forever Musical Revue" last weekend to packed crowds. The rousing show mimicked a USO event, with the audience being entertained as the "troops." The production featured the "Swanson Sisters from Sheboygan: Dixie, Trixie & Pixie," (played by Caroline Blaise, Pam Breton, and Denise Bastos) and was hosted by the hilariously funny "Frankie B. Sharpe" (played by Eric Bosworth). The MAC theatre was set up cabaret style, and guests brought their own refreshments. Photos by Felix Perez



Members of the State Student Advisory Council gather in Malden for the organization's three-day leadership conference. These students are elected by their peers to represent the state's high school population. Photo by Joanne Puopolo.

August 22, 2013 Edition



August 29, 2013 Cover: *The Elizabeth Taber Library's Open House featured a very important guest last week: Elizabeth Taber herself, as played by Natalie Hemingway. The festivities included a cake to celebrate what would be the Marion benefactor's 222nd birthday, a presentation from Hemingway and Library Director Libby O'Neill, and more. Photo by Shawn Badgley.*

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Caption Hundreds of Marion residents spent arguably the most beautiful day of the summer so far at the Town Party, a rousing success full of food, fun, and activities for all ages. Photos by Felix Perez.



Ryan Noonan gets a boost from fellow Marion Firefighters at the Town Party. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



Steve Gonsalves checks his list as the Marion Town Party starts. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



Evening falls at the Marion Town Party. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



Rock climbing on Spring Street during the Marion Town Party. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry.

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Karilon Grainger (left) met Joan Gardner, who purchased Grainger's oil painting at the Marion Art Center members show on Friday evening.



A crowd gathered to view art created by members of the Marion Art Center at their members show opening. Photos by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



Artist Joan DeRuggeris, Al Jenny, Luice Moncevitich, and Richard O'Neill enjoy the members show at the MAC.



State Rep. Bill Straus, Marion COA Director Susan Schwager, and members of the COA board participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the organization's new van. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



Volunteers helped make the 2013 New Student ORRientation a success. Photo courtesy Jeannette Raposa.

August 29, 2013 Edition

September 5, 2013 Cover: Sisters Bridget Gribb (on the left) and Anne Throop Johnson took along *The Wanderer* on their recent trip to Paris, shown here in front of the Louvre museum. You can share your travel photos with our readers too. All you have to do is take along a copy of **The Wanderer** (or your favorite aardvark) and submit your photos by email to: support@wanderer.com or by mail to P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You can also drop photos off at our office at 55 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett.





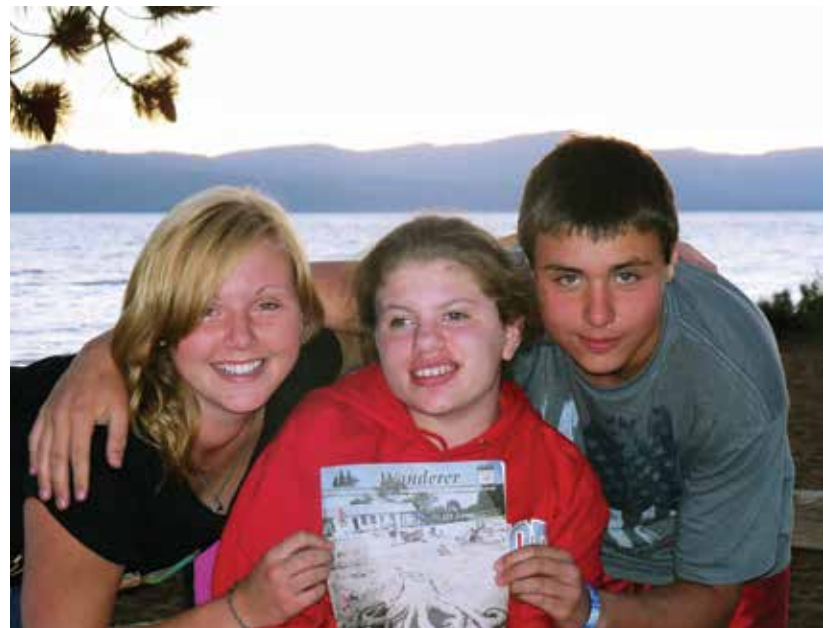
I'M A WANDERER



Above: Here is a picture of The Wright Family (Michelle, Dan & Brady (6 months old)) on our first family vacation to Portland, ME. If you look closely, you can see the Portland Head Light Lighthouse between our heads!

Right: Mattpoisett Project GROW's Curious George(s) and Mrs. Hill take a summer trip to the Flume Gorge in New Hampshire.

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Above: Elizabeth, Matthew and Stephanie spent July 9th swimming and kayaking at Lake Tahoe, California. The only thing left to do, was sit down under an awesome sunset to see what was happening back in Rochester.

Left: This Linda Rinaldo a 2013 ORR graduate and AFS exchange student holding the Wanderer. She returned home to Merano Italy late June . The particular issue celebrates ORR 2013 graduates on its cover !

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Mattapoisett Lions Club hosted the first in a series of outdoor movie nights at Shipyard Park. A good-sized crowd comprised of people of all ages, the young and the young at heart, gathered in a variety of seating arrangements to enjoy an open-air viewing of *Back to the Future*. Photos by Marilou Newell

A summer's hard work has paid off. Under the coaching of Chick Renfrew, members of the Sippican Tennis Club in Marion – including Hope Anderson, Alex Bilodeau, Tim Bolick, Alex Cannell, Caroline Godfrey, Henry Godfrey, Melissa Hooke Isabella Horstmann, Victoire Keane, Becky Kendall, Ollie Kendall, Julia Nojeim, Ollie Sughrue, Owen Sughrue, Elizabeth Tarrant and Parker Tonissi – competed in local tennis matches on the Sippican Tennis Club 18 and Under USTA team.



After playing eight matches in the Southeast Massachusetts USTA Summer League, the 7-1 Sippican team qualified to play in the Southeastern Massachusetts Section Championships in Winchester on August 6. After facing strong competition from the Fairhaven Tennis Academy and the Racquet Club of Newburyport, Sippican came out on top.

With this win, the Marion team was invited to Amherst College to play in the New England Championships August 14-15.

Sippican played the top team from each of Western Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Each of the six regional teams represented fielded a mixed doubles team, a girls' and boys' singles team, and a girls' and boys' doubles team. Playing for Sippican were Caroline Godfrey and Tim Bolick at mixed doubles, Victoire Keane at girls' singles, Ollie Kendall at boys' singles, Hope Anderson and Julia Nojeim at girls' doubles, and Ollie Sughrue, Owen Sughrue, and Henry Godfrey switching at boys' doubles.

Over the course of the two-day tournament, each member fought hard to earn every game possible. Out of a maximum 200 points, Sippican earned 163. By the end of the tournament, Sippican clawed out third place, earning the title of being the third-best team in all of New England. Photo and caption courtesy Julia Nojeim.



September 12, 2013 Cover: With senior quarterback Nolan Bergeron – shown here rushing for one of his two touchdowns – leading the way, Old Rochester Regional beat Lee High 21-7 last weekend in its season opener. The Bulldog defense held Lee to 77 total yards. Photo by Felix Perez.

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Scores of Rochester Memorial School students, staff, and parents – as well as ORR School District Superintendent Doug White – gathered to celebrate the official opening of their new playground on Monday, constructed last month by volunteers. “It took a village to get this done,” said faculty member Craig Davignon during the festivities. “It’s proud day for our entire community.” New principal Derek Medeiros spoke, as well. Elementary students and others participated in several ribbon cuttings on various playground equipment – including Julia Rood on the slide. Photos by Shawn Badgley



(l-r): Sarabeth Morrell (adviser), Callie Gomes (secretary), Amanda Carreiro (community service coordinator), Jessica Belliveau (vice president), Leah Thomas (president) serve as leadership in ORR’s National Honor Society, one student organization taking advantage of the high school’s delayed-start pilot program by starting a tutoring group. Not pictured: Robby Magee (community service coordinator). Photo by Renae Reints.

The LeBaron Estates neighborhoods held a block party on September 7th where a great time was had by all! LaJeunesse age 88 (moved into neighborhood in 1971) pictured with the newest neighbor Matt Osborne (moved into neighborhood in 2012) Thank you Knight family for hosting the event! Picture taken by Kathleen LeBrun



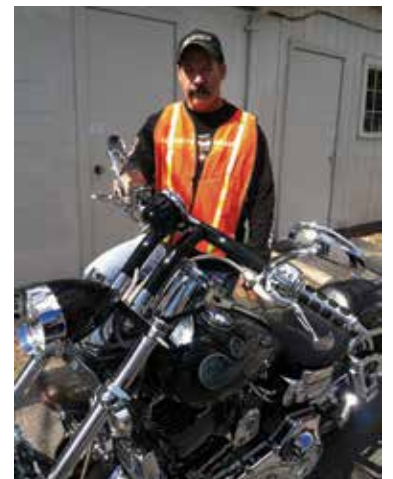
September 19, 2013
Cover: Former Red Sox
Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd
joined the Rochester
Police Brotherhood for a
kids baseball clinic and
benefit softball game on
Saturday. Photo by Nick
Walecka.

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS

Former Red Sox luminaries Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd, Sam Horn, and Jim Corsi joined the Rochester Police Brotherhood for a kids baseball clinic and benefit softball game on Saturday. Photos by Nick Walecka.



Motorcycle enthusiasts and friends of the late Brad Barrows from far and wide gathered on Saturday for the Brad's Run fundraiser, celebrating the life of the Mattapoisett bar owner and supporting local sports programs, schools, and more. Photos by Marilou Newell.



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Tabor Academy's Day of Service was a success, spanning much of the South Coast during ambitious volunteer projects. Scores of students participated in work at the Bog Jog, at the Sippican School in Marion and Alma Del Mar in New Bedford, and at the Dartmouth YMCA, where they picked 2,150 pounds of eggplant, tomatoes, squash, as well as sweet and hot peppers, amounting to upward of 9,000 servings for those in need. Photos courtesy Tabor Academy.



September 19, 2013 Edition

September 26, 2013 Cover: Alexis Rose with her dog Munroe at a dog show held Saturday in Rochester focusing mainly on pit bulls, an opportunity to dispel prejudices against the breed and highlight some of their qualities. Photo by Felix Perez.



TriTOWN HAPPENINGS

Dozens of dogs and their humans gathered in Rochester last weekend for a show focusing mainly on pit bulls, an opportunity to dispel prejudices against the breed and highlight some of their qualities. Photos by Felix Perez.



Steven Morrissey introduces his dog Buddy to 4 year old Ramelle Parks-Sadn of New Bedford



Shannon Coughlin and Tuuwa



Rober Ferriter and Malah Fish with Kimber showing off their 3rd place trophy for best red nose.



The Rochester Historical Society welcomed Tri-Town residents to its Open House at the East Rochester Church on Saturday afternoon, displaying local wedding fashions, music, and art from the early 1900s. Tea and refreshments were also offered. The exhibit will be open at the church on Sundays, 1:00-3:00 pm, through October 27. Photos by Felix Perez.

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Mattapoissett Area Artists opened their show at the Tinkamtown Helping Hands Society on Saturday, Sept. 21, and it continues this weekend. The exhibit includes paintings, pen-and-inks, sculpture, jewelry, photography, and more. Photos by Shawn Badgley.



Above: The SouthCoast Children's Chorus – along with parents and patrons – scrubbed for bucks during a car wash at the Mattapoissett Fire Station on Saturday afternoon, raising money for their general fund with a busy performance schedule coming up. "We hold fundraisers to support the work, the growth, and the performances of the Chorus," Artistic Director Leslie Piper said. "We want every child to be able to sing, so we offer tuition scholarships for those who need them." Photos by Shawn Badgley.

Right: The ORR Class of 2014 gathers at Ned's Point to celebrate the start of their senior year with food, games, and bonding. Photo by Renae Reints.





October 3, 2013 Cover: The Mattapoisett Historical Society held its 55th Annual Meeting on Sunday afternoon at the Museum and Carriage House, honoring outgoing President and Town Historian Seth Mendell in a ceremony that included the announcement of an endowment fund named for him. New President Jennifer McIntire presented Mendell with an award. Photo by Felix Perez

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS

ORR seniors held a bake sale last Wednesday, raising \$430 for their class. But this fundraising success represented just one of many efforts taking place this fall. Photo by Renae Reints.



Emily Josephson (left) and Rachel Scheub have helped lead the ORR Girls Cross Country team to a 2-0 record in the early going. Photo by Michael Kassabian.

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS

Marion resident Peter Hunsdorfer rode his motorcycle cross-country in July.. Photos by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



Marion resident Sam Dunham '10 (top left), a junior majoring in government and economics at the College of William & Mary, has been selected as one of six research fellows in the Project on International Peace and Security (PIPS), an undergraduate think tank focused on producing original and rigorous foreign policy analysis and bridging the gap between undergraduate academic and foreign policy communities.

PIPS research fellows investigate and write papers on topics suggested by members of the foreign policy community. These papers form the bases of honors theses, independent study projects, or publishable articles. In addition, PIPS fellows present their work to policy officials and scholars at a year-end conference in Washington, D.C. (in past years at the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment for Peace, and the National Press Club). They also receive assistance with publishing their papers in policy or academic journals, presenting their papers at academic conferences, and attaining policy internships. Visit www.wm.edu/pips or Google "Facebook PIPS Project."

After graduating from Falmouth Academy in 2010, Dunham worked for six months as an AFS volunteer in Cairo, Egypt, before returning to enter the College of William & Mary in the fall of 2011 as a member of its Monroe Scholars program.





October 10, 2013 Cover: Head of School John H. Quirk and Captain James E. Geil (pictured) welcomed Marion residents aboard the SSV Tabor Boy, built near Amsterdam in 1914 and brought to Sippican Harbor in 1954. The “Open Ship” took place on Sunday afternoon. Photo by Felix Perez.

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



(above) One of the pink chair paintings at the Marion Art Center's "Remembrance" exhibit. (right) Kate and Kari Marvel and Kate Sudofsky enjoy an evening at the Marion Art Center. Photos by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



The Scouts of Troop 32 Marion Boy Scouts went on a backpacking and camping trip on October 4 and 5 at Camp Yawgoog in Hopkington, Rhode Island. With all of their gear on their backs, the Scouts hiked five miles, including a long leg that went around Yawgoog Pond. This included setting up camp at two different locations for two different nights: Sherwood Forest and Hidden Lake. The Scouts are (l-r): Paul St. Don (Scoutmaster), Jack Nakashian, Dave Sheldon, Doug Breault Jr., Ben Lima, Zachary Pateakos, and Jackson St. Don. Photo courtesy of Committee Member Bob Nakashian.

The Old Colony football team is off to its best start in years, even after last week's loss to Upper Cape. Head Coach Bryce Guilbeault said his team plays hard every down, and he expects big things from them. "I think this is the best team since I've been at Old Colony. This is the most talented team we've had." Photo by Nick Walecka.



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



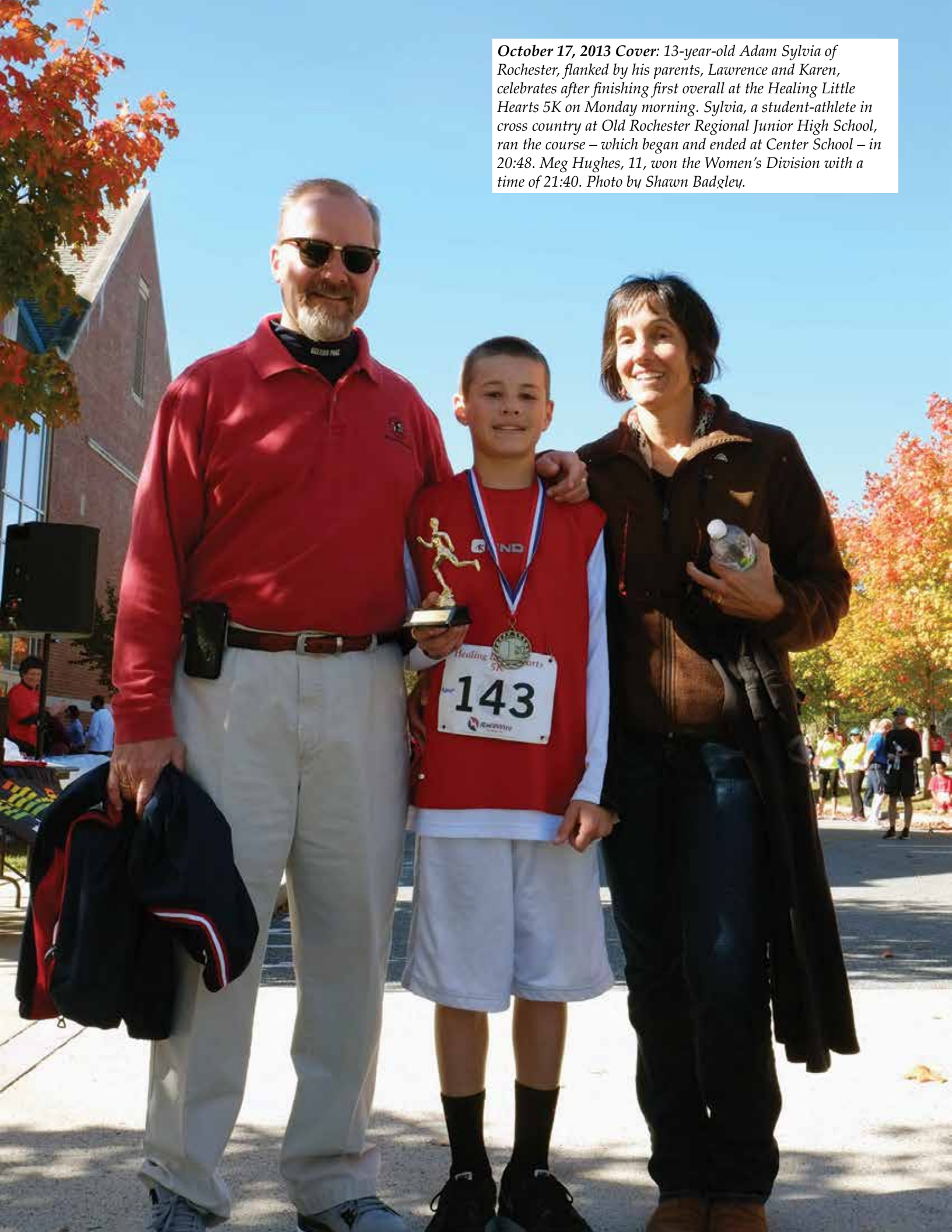
Southeastern Regional Student Advisory Council leaders – including two Old Rochester Regional High School representatives – ran a successful first meeting earlier this month. Photo courtesy of Jackie Rehm.



Kids of all ages gathered at the Mattapoissett Historical Society's Fall Festival on Saturday to experience what life and work were like for generations past. For more on the fun and food, see page 13. Photos by Marilou Newell and Felix Perez.



October 17, 2013 Cover: 13-year-old Adam Sylvia of Rochester, flanked by his parents, Lawrence and Karen, celebrates after finishing first overall at the Healing Little Hearts 5K on Monday morning. Sylvia, a student-athlete in cross country at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, ran the course – which began and ended at Center School – in 20:48. Meg Hughes, 11, won the Women's Division with a time of 21:40. Photo by Shawn Badgley.



TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Old Rochester Regional High School Student Council took a field trip to Camp Greenough in Yarmouth to work on communication and team-building skills. "It was definitely a new experience and everybody seemed to overcome some sort of fear or obstacle," Senior Senator Jeremy Bare said. "I know I did." Photo courtesy of ORR.



The Mattapoisett Friends Meeting held its Quaker Flea Market and Yard Sale on Saturday at the meetinghouse grounds. Proceeds from the sale of books, toys, kitchen ware, paper, and collectible will benefit the 1827 structure's restoration. Photos by Felix Perez.



Sara DaSilva Quintal, Restoration Ecologist with the Buzzards Bay Coalition, led a group of 50 Tri-Town residents and others from across the South Coast on an expedition into protected retired cranberry bogs last Saturday. Photos by Marilou Newell.



TriTOWN HAPPENINGS

Bishop Stang High School, a diocesan, co-educational, college preparatory school located on the Southcoast, has announced that three seniors have been commended in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program – Lorenzo Dube, Regina Kaplan and Alexander Pacheco. This year's commended students were notified and recognized by the faculty, staff and students at Bishop Stang High School. Lorenzo Dube is a Dartmouth resident, Regina Kaplan lives in Mattapoisett and Alexander Pacheco is from Westport.



More than 50 residents attended last week's inaugural meeting of the recently formed Friends of the Marion Council on Aging. President Sue Wood discussed long-range planning, communication, membership, fundraising, and enrichment, including a Senior Center for the town. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



Tri-Town residents joined Mattapoisett Land Trust President Gary Johnson and Clerk Luana Josvold for the organization's Autumn Walk on Saturday afternoon. Photos by Marilou Newell.





October 24, 2013 Cover: The Mattapoisett Lands Trust's Salty's Silvery Moon Soiree last Friday at Dunseith Gardens featured cooking fires with hay-bale seating for s'mores, as well as cider. Simon Brooks provided music and storytelling. Photos by Paul Lopes and Felix Perez.

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Left: Members of Old Rochester Regional High School's Community Service Learning club proudly display some of the costumes collected in their Halloween costume drive. Photo by Renae Reints.



During a week that featured games honoring their respective seniors, the ORR Girl's Soccer team struggled, while Field Hockey defeated Case 2-1. The victory coincided with the team's Fight Like a Girl Game, which supported breast cancer awareness with a bake sale and pink ribbons. Photos courtesy Kelly Pacheco



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Cristal L. Medeiros, Community Liaison for Community Nurse Private Care, spoke to the Mattapoisett Women's Club during its monthly luncheon last week in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Medeiros specializes in connecting people with resources to remain safe and healthy in their homes. She discussed techniques and strategies to navigate the healthcare systems. Photo by Shawn Badgley.



Right and Above Right: The inaugural Hairy Scary Halloween Stroll, presented by the Sippican Lands Trust, drew a big crowd of thrill-seekers over the weekend at Peirson Woods. Toby Dills served as guest storyteller. Photos courtesy Yelena Sheynin



Students, faculty, and vendors packed the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Craft Fair on Saturday, part of the school's homecoming festivities. Pictured here are Taylor Raposa (left) and Amy Pringle selling OC-themed clothing and merchandise, as well as Jim Silva, a member of the Gateway Wood Turners. Collin Staledo displayed his welded turkey, while Duncan and Ruth Rynne showcased their "Redneck Wine Glasses." Even the OC Cougar made an appearance. The event benefited the Class of 2014. Photos by Nick Walecka.



October 24, 2013 Edition



October 31, 2013 Cover: Congratulations to the winner of this years Halloween Cover Contest Bailey Sweet of Marion whose artwork was selected by on line voting to be featured this year.

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Fourth graders at Sippican School under the guidance of teachers, Nicole Radke, Kim Souza, MJ Menezes and Courtney Sheehan, organized the school's first ever 'Think Pink Day' on Friday, October 25th. The purpose of this spirit-wear fundraiser was to build community support and recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Students created posters, shared announcements over the intercom, and delivered flyers to classrooms to promote the 1-day event.

Their determination and hard work paid off last Friday when both staff and students dressed from head-to-toe in pink and came together for an all school meeting in the multi-purpose room. Students wore pink shirts, pink pjs, pink ribbons, and even spray painted their hair hot pink. Several even wore pink tutus!

When the teachers noticed that Principal Lyn Rivet and Vice Principal Sarah Goergus were a bit underdressed, 4th graders called out for a "makeover" in which the 4th grade teachers assisted the administration in getting into the spirit of things with some pink props!

Donations were collected & counted by the 4th grade students/teachers to the sum of over \$1300. All proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Fund for research and treatment of breast cancer. Photos courtesy Nicole Radke.



Left: The Old Rochester Youth Football Jr Midget Cheer Team went to the RISMA competition this weekend and won First place as well as Grand Champions overall for the Jr Midget Division. The team will next move onto Regionals in Springfield on November 9th

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Saturday was the big day in rochester for Halloween festivities at Plumb Corner. The highlight of the day was the costume contest, pictured here is The Wizard of Oz, featuring members of the Prefontaine and Cecil families. Photos by Nick Waleka



Above: Owen Murray is Scooby, and Landon Bindas is Batman.
Left: Nathan (Left) and Logan Perry, who are dressed as characters from Minecraft.



Dozens of skilled dirt bikers converged on the Pilgrim Sands Trail Riders' race in Mattapoisett on Sunday morning. The course covered both grass track and woods. Photos by Felix Perez.



Lions, tigers, bears, mummies, ninjas, pilots, princesses, football players, fairies, superheroes, and more all came together at the YMCA's annual Halloween Hayride in Mattapoisett on Friday night. Photos by Felix Perez.





November 7, 2013 Cover: Colonel Briggs of the Friends of Benjamin D. Cushing Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2425 presents Dan "The Singing Trooper" Clark with a print of the painting Liberty and Freedom on Saturday, November 2, during a benefit for members of the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary. "I thought it was the right opportunity and perfect person for the donation," Briggs said. "Mr. Clark brings hope and inspiration to so many – especially in New England – who have served our country." Photo by Felix Perez.

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Above: Dan "The Singing Trooper" Clark and his wife, Mary, entertain attendees at Saturday's Friends of Benjamin D. Cushing Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2425 benefit recognizing members and the Ladies Auxiliary in Marion. Photos by Felix Perez.



Left: Town Hall-oween (clockwise from left): Mattapoissett employees Suzanne Szyndlar, Alanna Carreiro, Sarah Piehler, Catherine Heuberger, Brenda Herbeck, and Wendy Travers renewed their longstanding tradition of themed costumes. But while the distant future and prehistoric past themes were planned respectively, the juxtaposition of the two was complete coincidence, the women said. Photo by Shawn Badgley.

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The Marion Art Center's production of Chekhov's Seagull opened last weekend, and will continue on November 8 and 9 at 8:00 pm. For more information, visit www.marionartcenter.org. Photos by Felix Perez. (Clockwise from Left): Thom O'Shaughnessey & Gary Taylor; Thom O'Shaughnessey; Suzie Kokkins & Jay Ryan; Clare Healy Foley, Paul Kandarian, Cynthia Latham; Cynthia Latham



Scores of hungry Tri-Town residents lined up at Marion's First Congregational Church on Saturday evening for the third annual Soup Cook-Off. The Rev. Sheila Rubdi provided the blessing, while Truman Tirrell provided the tunes. Old Rochester Regional Junior High Schoolers Kyla Horton, Julia Winters, and Michaela Mattson (pictured) took first place in the Kale Soup division. Photos by Marilou Newell.



November 14, 2013 Cover: The Tri-Town honored veterans on Monday with moving programs. In Marion, the parade included Cub Scout Pack 32, Master of Ceremonies Joe Napoli, and the Sippican School Band. In Mattapoissett, Daniel Mazzuca gave a speech that focused on what our country can do for veterans in need of jobs, housing, and mental health services. The Old Hammondtown School band and chorus provided strong performances. Photo Shawn Badgley.

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Evelyn Allerdt and Pauline Ryan enjoyed the jewelry table at Saturday's rummage sale at the First Congregational Church of Marion's Community Center. Photo by Joan Hartnet-Barry



Above: ORR's Mike Wyman won the Division 5 Cross Country Championship with a 15:27 time on the hilly 5K course, narrowly edging out Newburyport's Nick Carleo. Wyman will move on to race among the best runners in the state this weekend. Photo by Michael Kassabian.



Left: The Marion Natural History Museum after-school program had fun building and setting off our rockets on Wednesday November 6th. Many thanks to board member Mike Cronin and our volunteers for helping to make this happen. Our second rocket program has been scheduled for next Wednesday, November 13th. Please register through the Marion Natural History Museum as soon as possible as space is limited. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



Recently retired Seth Mendell delivered his last lecture for a while at the Mattapoisett Historical Society last Thursday night. The presentation was a riveting tale of the construction and subsequent journeys of the last whale ship built in Mattapoisett and this newspaper's namesake, the bark Wanderer. Mendell recounted the yellow pine and live oak, the charismatic caulkers and other builders, and the fact that the Wanderer found its greatest successes in the early 1900s before its demise at Cuttyhunk. Photo by Shawn Badgley.

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The Old Rochester Regional Class of 1973 had its 40-year reunion on Saturday night at the Reservation Golf Club in Mattapoisett. ORR alumnus Jeff Dunn and his band provided the entertainment. Photos by Felix Perez.



Leslie Macomber, Alan and Patty Apperson, Carol Eckblom, Michael G. Thompson at the ORR Class of 1973 reunion.



Above & Below: The Relics brought their boot-scootin' tunes to the Ponderosa on Saturday night, as the Rochester Country Fair hosted a Hoedown Dance Party fundraiser. Photos by Felix Perez.





November 21, 2013 Cover: The Marion Cub Scout and Boy Scout Pack 32 held a Soap Box Derby and Service Project Spectacular on Saturday with scouts showcasing their rides down Holmes Street. Photos by Felix Perez.

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Above & Below: Old Rochester Regional High School's AFS Club held an international dinner in the cafeteria on Sunday evening. Students, parents, and community members were invited to bring a dish from another culture to share, so everyone could enjoy a unique and delicious meal. Upward of 50 people attended, including 12 foreign-exchange students in the SouthCoast area representing such countries as Japan, China, Thailand, Germany, Denmark, and Costa Rica. The ORR students and the exchange students got to know each other through games and conversation. Photos by Renae Reints.



Above: Phil Benjamin of Benjamin Forestry Services presented a Forest Management Plan at Old Colony to Rochester residents on Saturday. The removal of trees in the area has some abutters concerned, but the town and School Committee support the plan. Photo by Nick Walecka.



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Right: Julie Craig of Mattapoisett, who founded the nonprofit Helping Hands and Hooves, lost her beloved Copper recently, but will continue her work pairing horses with special needs adults. See the story on page 3. Photo by Marilou Newell.

Below: The Rochester Senior Center celebrated the renewal of its national accreditation with a reception on Thursday. Speakers included director Sharon Lally, Massachusetts Secretary of Elder Affairs Ann Hartstein, National Institute of Senior Centers Accreditation Program Coordinator Maureen Arsenault O'Leary, and super-volunteer Jean Armstrong. "You've made this senior center what it is," Armstrong told the crowd. "And it's the heart of the community. I love each and every person here, and I hope you love us."

Seventy-three people comprising nine committees came together for more than a year to prepare the Rochester Senior Center's organization, bylaws, and operations for its second five-year accreditation. "We need the cooperation and the collaboration from all of the community people, so it's important they're here today," Lally said. "It was a real commitment. It meant a lot to me to have so many people vested in the process." Of the 215 senior centers nationwide, 120 are currently accredited.

"A senior center is what you make it, and when you have a leader like Sharon, who really pulls everyone together, that's what makes for a success," Arsenault O'Leary said. "There are larger senior centers, but none that has the heart of the Rochester Senior Center." Photos by Shawn Badgley.



(l-r) Maureen Arsenault O'Leary, Jean Armstrong, and Sharon Lally



Rochester Senior Center employees Sylvia Hebert and George Smith

November 28, 2013 Cover: The Annual Thanksgiving Banquet at ORRJH served up seniors a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. During this holiday season many people depend on the kindness of those willing to give. If you belong to an organization helping others this season contact The Wanderer so we can help you get the word out. Have a Happy Thanksgiving! Photo by Felix Perez



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Crowds came out in force for the 30th Annual Holiday Shop at the Marion Art Center on Friday evening. The show continues through December 20th and the Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, 1pm to 5pm and Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm. Admission is free. Photos by Joan Hartnett-Barry



On Wednesday, Nov. 20th, the Marion Natural History Museum after-school group investigated how a cranberry bog formed in New England. Museum Director, Elizabeth Leidhold, helped the kids to explore the physical structure of a bog, and how to tell a healthy berry from a rotten one. The students then made "mini-bogs" to take home. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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The Annual Thanksgiving Banquet at ORRJH served up seniors a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Photos by Felix Perez



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It was a cold start, race, and finish for the Marion Recreation Annual Turkey trot this Sunday but spirits were high. Matt Sylvain of Dartmouth took top honors for the men with a time of 18:33 and Allison Rossi for the Women with a time of 21:02. Photos by Felix Perez



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December 5, 2013 Cover:

Ebenezer Scrooge, played by Ian MacLellan meets the Ghost of Christmas Present, played by Patrick McGraw in ORR's Production of "A Christmas Carol" which runs through Sunday. You can see more photos on page 56, and video on our website www.wanderer.com. Photo by Felix Perez



“A CHRISTMAS CAROL”



ORR's production of "A Christmas Carol," starts on Thursday, December 5th, at 7:30 p.m. This year's cast includes Ian MacLellan as Ebenezer Scrooge, Sam Resendes as Jacob Marley, Troy Rood as Bob Cratchet, Anne Roseman as the Ghost of Christmas Past, Patrick McGraw as the Ghost of Christmas Present, Lucy Milde as the Ghost of Christmas Future. Photos by Felix Perez



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Lucas & David Costa at "Cristo Redentor". Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



This photo was taken at the top of Whistler Mountain, British Columbia, on September 21, 2013. Both couples, Pat and Dick Kallio and Steffi and Charlie Peck, spend their summers in Mattapoisett.



Left: Shaun & Mary Ellen Murphy tried to visit Yellowstone National Park during the government shutdown but only made it as far as the front gate!

You would like to share your travel photos with our readers too, all you have to do is take along a copy of **The Wanderer** (or your favorite aardvark) and submit your photos by email to: support@wanderer.com or by mail to P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You can also drop photos off at our office at 55 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett.



December 12, 2013 Cover: How do you put a Santa hat on a giant seahorse? If you've ever wondered, here's the scoop. This year, Corey Silva from Brownell Systems was the lucky one who was hoisted up to the top to secure Salty's holiday hat. The giant hat, which was created using sailcloth and has a white float as a topper, is a traditional icon for the holidays in Mattapoisett. Jenny Mello from the Mattapoisett Land Trust said she wasn't sure how the hat would best fit as this is the first time placing the hat with the solar panel which was added when the hat was removed last year. The solar panel is used to power the light in Salty's eye. In the end the hat was placed and the holidays we're official kicked off at the Dunseith Gardens. Photo by Paul Lopes

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Sisters Margaret and Roni have been making unique Christmas ornaments every year for the last 20 years donating their talents and time in support of the church's programs by selling them at the annual Christmas Fair. Photo my Marilou Newel



The Mattapoisett Museum is open for the holidays on Saturdays from 9am to noon. Photo my Marilou Newel



Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity held a Gingerbread House Gala and Silent Auction fund raising event on Thursday, December 5. There was choir music, pianist Al Russo, handcrafted gingerbread houses and a silent. Photos by Felix Perez



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Elizabeth Smith (left) and Gail Nicholson (right), both of Mattapoisett, volunteer their time at the Annual Season of Remembrance Memorial Tree for the Community Nurse Hospice. Mall patrons may donate a gift in the name of a loved one to be placed on the tree in support of the Hospice program. Photo courtesy Tim Smith



ORR students assisted with collection toys for the annual Toys for Tots campaign, pictured (left to right) Bob Graser, Aubrie Isabelle, Madison Barber, Diana LaRock, and Heidi Graser. Photo by Renea Reints



The Sippican Choral Society with the SouthCoast Children's Chorus presented its 2013 Christmas concert, last weekend which included "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten celebrating the 100th anniversary of Britten's birth. Photo courtesy Bernadette Kelly



On Wednesday, December 4th, the Marion Natural History Museum afterschool program explored different ways to help our local animals get through the lean winter months. The students also created their own "suet" feeders to bring home.



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The Town of Rochester ushered in the holidays with their annual tree lighting on December 9, 2013 with caroling and a visit from Santa who was brought in by Fire Engine. Photos by Felix Perez



December 19, 2013 Cover: The Marion Village Stroll on Sunday includes a visit from Santa who arrived by boat and then was transported by wagon to meet the children. Photo by Felix Perez



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Marion dodged the snow and launched another fabulous Village Stroll on Sunday. Above, children line the wharf waiting for Santa to arrive by boat. Photos by Felix Perez



It was a very busy week and we have hundreds of photos that we couldn't fit in print, be sure to check out The Wanderer photo gallery at www.wanderer.com and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wanderer for more great photos.



Marion's First Congregational Church delivered the season's perfection with Cassandra Morgan directing 'The Heart of Christmas' cantata. This annual event is sugar on the plums for anyone who appreciates live music. The combined voices and instruments of over 60 performers filled the church with pitch perfect music telling the story of Jesus' birth. From bluesy pieces or full operatic compositions by Pepper Choplin the full house was delighted and moved tears to joy. Ending with Joy to the World the audience joined in the singing concluded with thunderous applause and shouts of 'bravo'. Photos by Marilou Newell

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The Mattapoisett Council on Aging held their Annual Christmas Party for Mattapoisett Seniors on Thursday, December 12. Photo by Marilou Newell

Below: The community turned out for a wonderful late afternoon of lights, music, food and fun at the annual Holiday Party at Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett hosted by the Lions Club. The Lions were collecting non-perishable food and unwrapped new toys to distribute to those in need during the holiday. In return those in attendance were treated to great food, drinks and crafts for the little ones. Photos by Felix Perez and Marilou Newell



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Ailina Cervantes Diaz, from Costa Rica and Louisa Truss, from Germany spoke about their experiences as exchange students at the ORR District School Committee meeting last Wednesday. Diaz enjoyed her first snowfall last week. Photo by Joan Hartnet-Barry



Above: On Tuesday, December 10th, students from the New Bedford Youth Ballet performed a condensed version of A New England Nutcracker at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Photo by Shawn Gosciminski Sweet

Left: A group of Charles Dickens enthusiasts ranging from casual to serious gathered to participate in a reading of "A Christmas Carol" Saturday morning at the Plumb Corner Library. Pictured here Stan Moszczenski reads an excerpt. Photo by Nick Walecka

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Michael Barnicle directs the ORRHS chorus at the Holiday Concert. Photo by Renae Reints



Bev Hallahan, Kyla Horton and Julia Winters serve at the Congregational luncheon on Saturday during the Sippican Women's Club's House Tour. Photo by Joan Hartnet-Barry



Timothy Wade's before and after photos of his ice sculpture of Santa and Rudolph out of solid blocks of ice in front of the Marion Art Center. Photo by Joan Hartnet-Barry



On Thursday 12, 2013 representatives of Justice Resource Institute came to the Marion Police Department to pick up the donations that were made during the Pancakes with Santa every on November 7. Pictured here, Officer Karen Ballinger, Susan Mazzarella (Director JRI), Officer Alisha Crosby, Ali Silveria (JRI staff), Teri Morton (JRI staff).



ORR School District Superintendent Doug White (L) interviews Rochester Memorial School's Vice-Principal Charles West and RMS Principal Derek Medeiros in this month's edition of "Inside the ORR School District." The program also includes a discussion with members of RMS Student Council. "Inside the ORR School District" airs on the Tri-town Ed Channel Comcast Ch.97 - Verizon Ch.37. Photo by Deborah Stinson



December 26, 2013 Cover: North Rochester Congregational Church celebrated with 'Lessons and Carols with live Nativity' on Sunday. Photos by Felix Perez

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS

Lance Corporal Matthew R. Rodriguez made the ultimate sacrifice for his country when he was killed in action on December 11 while serving in Afghanistan. Those wishing to honor Rodriguez lined Route 6 in Fairhaven and Mattapoisett on Thursday, December 19 to pay their respects for the fallen hero. The processional traveled from the New Bedford airport to the Saunders-Dwyers Funeral home in Mattapoisett. LCPL Rodriguez's was laid to rest on Monday in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne with full military honors.



Through the efforts of the workers of both Marion and Mattapoisett town halls and Fall River Surgi Center a huge holiday offering was made by donating thee gifts to the Harbour House Family Center. Photo courtesy of Scott C. Shippey



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Tinkhamtown Chapel held their Annual Christmas Carol Sing on Saturday. Photos by Jan Perry



The Marion Natural History Museum after-school group enjoyed snacks and craft making during our annual holiday party. Our next set of after-school activities are on the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org. Happy Holidays from the Marion Natural History Museum and see you in 2014! Marion Natural History Museum holiday party Photo courtesy of Vin Malkoski

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ORR Student Council members went caroling Hathaway Manor Extended Care Facility in New Bedford last Thursday to spread holiday cheer. Pictured here (left to right) Natasha Shorrock, Nick Bergstein, Kelly Merlo, Troy Rood, Leah Thomas, Julia Nojeim, Toby Kyle, Merri Wickman. Photo by Renae Reints



The Rochester Women's Club helped ring in the season with a Winter Solstice Celebration on Saturday. Naomi Arenberg of WBUR-FM led a community sing-along 'Songs of the Season' Photos by Felix Perez



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS

The students of Center School performed their holiday production of *Melton The Warm-Hearted Snowman* to a full house of adoring family members and friends on Thursday December 19th. Directed by Ms. Willow Dowling the entire student body lent their talents and enthusiasm to this story of a snowman 'born' with a warm heart. Given that warmth and snowmen do not a merry combination make, the story tells how Melton gave his heart to the school's one 'mean boy' Bartholomew (played by Torsten Brickley), changing him into a boy full of love and good cheer. Melton was played by Grady Vandal with support from Papa Snowman, Sam Balsis; Mama Snowman, Grace Picewick. A group of Elves sang and danced to *Tough Love* in a rap style rendition complete with the latest dance moves. The Elves were played by: Brenna Carrier, Sean Davis, Chloe Gomes, Chloe Hurley, Thomas Janicki, Jillian LeBlanc, David Magee Jr., Kyle McCullough, and Makenna Servais. Principal, Rosemany Bowman thanked the student and the audience for what she said was the best gift she could receive, seeing all the precious children and their supporting family coming together to share this event. Photo by Marilou Newell



Above: Santa paid a visit to the Rochester Post office on Saturday. Photo courtesy of James Dries



Left: "Happy Holidays and best Wishes for the New Year from all of us at Old Rochester Regional High School." This year's card from ORR High School was drawn by Madeline Meyer, grade 10.

A Few Photos from Page Three



March 21, 2013 Edition: Adam Kaner and his late mother, Carol, who passed away after fighting a debilitating neurological disorder. Easter Seals helped Carol with equipment and programs during her battle, and now Adam serves on a regional Easter Seals board of young professionals. "I love giving back," he says.



October 24, 2013 Edition: For donating more than 4,000 hours of his time to the community, Daniel C. Lee Jr. of Mattapoisett was presented with the 2013 President's Volunteer Service Award. The President's Volunteer Service Award is the premier volunteer awards program in this country. It recognizes Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. Winners receive the official President's Volunteer Service Award pin, certificate of achievement, and a congratulatory letter from the president of the United States. Photo courtesy of Mayflower RSVP.



April 25, 2013 Edition: Last Saturday over one hundred seniors enjoyed the annual turkey dinner with all the trimmings sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club. Several of our volunteers also delivered meals to those seniors that could not attend. Music and laughter filled Raynard Hall at the Congregational Church. The event was chaired by Lions Joe and Janet Rego and the Boy Scouts did outstanding work serving the seniors and helping with clean up. The Lion's Club next projects are repairs to the shade sheds at Ned's Point and the town beach and of course Harbor Days in July. To join a great public service organization comprised of dedicated men and women where even an hour of your time makes a difference to eye research and to your community. Visit their website at www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org and visit our Lions Club and Harbor Days pages on FB.



September 12, 2013 Edition: Friends and neighbors help Marybeth Carlsen, who recently lost her husband Dan to a heart attack, with yard work and other chores. Marilou Newell writes about how Carlsen has stood strong in the wake of the tragedy with plenty of Tri-Town support, as well as which signs and symptoms to look out for. Photo by Marilou Newell.

A Few Photos from Page Three



December 12, 2013 Edition: Above: Friends of Clayton 'Doc' King gathered on Friday as King was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives for his work in aiding, assisting, and being an asset in the community he served. Photo by Marilou Newell



December 19, 2013 Edition: James Gurney, pictured here with Christine Lacourse, Executive Director of Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity gifted a parcel of land he has owned for more than fifty years to Habitat on Monday. Photo by Marilou Newell



December 19, 2013 Edition: The Tobey Hospital Guild recently presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Damien's Place Food Pantry located at 3065 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham. P ictured from left to right: Phyllis Renzi, Director at Large; Joan M. Martin, President Tobey Hospital Guild; Rosemary Lackie, Damien's Pantry Representative; Agatha St. Amour, Southcoast Director of Volunteer Services and Dorothy Rasmussen, Immediate Past President

**Happy New Year
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forward to a
wonderful 2014!**